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As the council announces 100 new 'family friendly' parking spaces, the big question is...

Is this enough?

BY JAMES AVERILL

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PLANS to create 'family friendly' parking spaces for business workers will not be enough to solve a lack of spaces, according to an organisation representing more than 30,000 city centre firms.

The 100 new spaces would not be available for parking before 9.15am, but would allow workers dropping off kids at school a better chance of parking when they arrive later.

Employees at companies such as Santander have previously told MK NEWS that finding a parking bay after 9am is 'almost impossible'.

But Melanie Beck, Milton Keynes

City Centre Manager, who has helped businesses in their discussions with MK Council to solve the crisis, said the plans were 'only short-term'.

The budget changes, announced by council leader Pete Marland, will also see 250 premium red spaces converted to standard bays – but will be funded by increased parking charges to 50p (purple) and £2 (red) an hour.

Ms Beck said: "We applaud the council for coming back with some ideas. But 100 family friendly parking spaces wouldn't be enough for parents working in just one office block.

"Out of 20,000 total spaces in the city centre it is a drop in the ocean. It is like offering us one sweet in a bid

to sweeten us up."

The 2015/16 budget also proposes 2,000 temporary new parking spaces – influenced by our Fairer Parking campaign for more standard rate spaces.

Announcing the changes to his proposed budget, which will be decided on February 18, Cllr Marland said: "I think consultation, and getting input from people, is really important. We've been to see the city centre management team and we've listened to businesses.

"What they are saying is if you are

going to increase charges, invest some of that in more spaces, in family friendly spaces and look at whether we have the right number of red and purple spaces.

"The campaign that MK NEWS has been running has been really central in bringing those issues to the very forefront of our thinking."

But Ms Beck added: "I'm convinced parking charges were going to be increased anyway. But the MK NEWS campaign has made them think of solutions. It has made a big difference."

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Snap election: A member of MK Snap tries on Derek Eastman's mayoral chain during his visit

Snap elects to have a voice

ADULTS with learning disabilities grilled councillors and MPs at a mock election on Friday.

Mayor Derek Eastman and MP Iain Stewart visited MK Snap, a charity based in Walnut Tree, which offers education, life skills and help and advice on work, to

more than 50 adults with learning disabilities a day.

They visited the centre as part of the Hear My Voice campaign – encouraging those with learning disabilities to make their voice count in the election.

Members also took part in a mock election and

practiced how to vote.

Katie James, grants and projects co-ordinator for MK Snap, said: "They asked the politicians some tough questions about the hospital and dangerous pathways, which can be hazardous for them. It is all about telling them they have a voice."

UKIP call for new hospital

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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UKIP councillors are campaigning for a second hospital in Milton Keynes.

Vince Peddle, UKIP parliamentary candidate for MK South, told MK NEWS he thought the city's health-care was 'a disgrace' and discussed the overwhelming pressures both GP surgeries and A&E are facing.

He added: "While Milton Keynes Council dreams of population growth, it has no plans to build the second hospital so urgently needed. Locally, UKIP are concerned with the needs of the people."

Labour's parliamentary candidate for MK South, Andrew Pakes, agrees with UKIP's campaign.

He commented: "Having grown up in MK I have never seen the hospital and GP surgeries under such pressure. The reality is MK Hospital simply does not have the resources we need for a new city of our size."

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Shireen Hall: "I think a second hospital is desperately needed. Our hospital is overrun by the amount of people that need it. Admittedly there are some who treat it like a GP, which would ease the burden."

Joanne Scott: "One hospital for this amount of people, no wonder it is being run into the ground."

Julia Ferguson Skynner-Slade: "It's strange

considering UKIP wants the death of the NHS. Methinks they are after votes."

Madeleine Rust: It's a good idea. The population in MK has doubled/tripled in the last 30 years."

Susan Hassett: "Wasn't there a suggestion several years ago that a new hospital would be built in the Newton Leys/ Newton Longville area?"

Funding cut reprieve for city groups

COMMUNITY groups that were set to close after having their funding cut by Milton Keynes Council have been given a temporary reprieve.

As part of £22million budget cuts, Labour had proposed to cut funding from groups such as Community Action:MK, the Citizens Advice Bureau, Age UK Milton Keynes and the YMCA.

But £500,000 has now been set aside for those groups as 'transitional funding' – which will give them time to find a new financial model in which they do not rely on the council.

Ruth Stone, chief executive of Community Action:MK, which offers advice, information and volunteers to charities and other community groups, welcomed the move, saying:

"This provides a welcome breathing space to work cooperatively with MK Council on the most effective ways to support sustainable communities in MK to 2020."

Council leader Pete Marland added: "We have worked really hard to secure funding to help them be able to transition to a new model of working that preserves their services but means they are less reliant on council funding."

But Edith Bald, the city's Conservative leader, said: "All of this funding runs out in a year, which isn't long at all."

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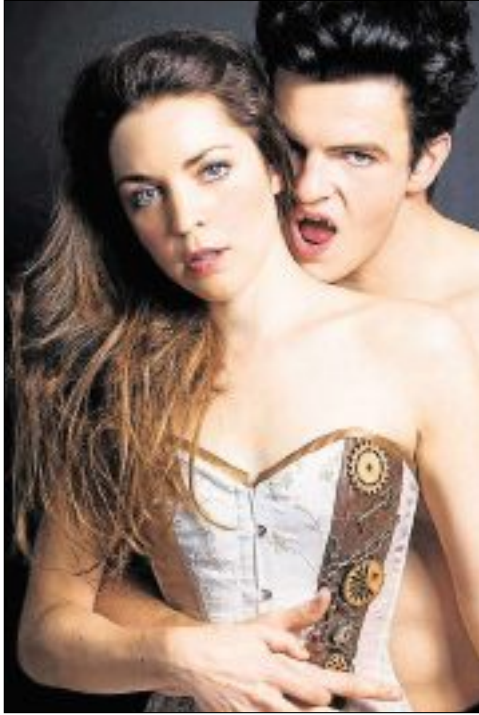
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Jonno loves the West End



CITY born actor Jonno Davies is continuing to appear in top soaps and theatre productions after graduating from Italia Conti Academy of Theatre Arts in 2013.

The 22-year-old, who lives in London with his former EastEnders star girlfriend, Rachel Bright, aka Poppy Meadow, has impressed industry directors, leading to his most recent role as an understudy for Marlowe in West End's Shakespeare In Love.

As well as rehearsing as an understudy for four different people, Jonno is also in the ensemble.

Meanwhile, the actor told MK NEWS how his parents waited until 11.30pm on Friday to see Kingsman: The Secret Service in the cinema, as their son stars in the opening scene, appearing as the father of Gary Unwin, played by Taron Egerton.

The rising star has also made an impact in a recent storyline in Hollyoaks, where his character gave HIV to Ste Hay. Jonno said he hopes to return to the soap, but has also enjoyed working with Downton Abbey's Brendan Coyle in a French TV show called Spotless.

See a gallery of some of his appearances at www.mkweb.co.uk

West End star: Jonno Davies as Dracula, with girlfriend Rachel Bright, at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival last summer

Missing people 'a big problem'

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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MORE than 40 people went missing from Milton Keynes in 2014 and the city's top cop, Superintendent Gez Chiariello, has admitted it is one of the biggest problems police face on a daily basis.

MK NEWS reported 43 missing people cases last year with police still searching for three.

Father and son Steven and Alexander Allen were last seen in Bletchley on October 6 and 34-year-old Robert Aston has been missing since

November. A police spokesman told MK NEWS that the father and son have made contact, but under police protocol they are still classed as missing until they are seen.

Supt Chiariello said: "There are an awful lot of people who go missing in MK and a lot of it is to do with mental health, drugs, alcohol or issues at home."

"We also have the odd child who does not want to go to school, but there is a problem."

On Thursday, Supt Chiariello discussed the

problems the force face when people go missing, and in particular when people go abroad.

"It is a huge drain on our resources as, at every morning briefing, staff will be written off to try and find these people," he added.

"It is a daily occurrence because we have to be satisfied they are safe and not vulnerable. Ninety to 95 per cent of people are found in a matter of days, but we need to see them for them to be classed as found, which is difficult when they have gone abroad."

Robbery bid at Starbucks

CCTV images have been released of a man Thames Valley Police want to speak to after an attempted robbery at Starbucks in Elder Gate.

At about 7pm on Saturday, a man entered the coffee shop carrying what appeared to be a black pistol and a McDonald's Happy Meal box.

He pointed the weapon at the assistant to place money in it.

The assistant did not hand over any cash and the man left the premises empty-handed.

Phone police on 101 if you have any information.



Wanted men may be in area

POLICE are on the hunt for two men who could be in Bletchley.

Ian Lee, 32, above left, is wanted in connection with two assaults and criminal damage, which happened in Bletchley on January 24, and another assault on December 18.



Police are also looking for Sean Hatter, 26, right, from Bletchley, who is wanted for breaching his licence conditions. Residents are being advised to not approach these men. If you see them call police on 101, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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Hospital care fantastic

MY HUSBAND was admitted to Milton Keynes Hospital's A&E department in December with pneumonia.

He had excellent care there for a couple of days and then was transferred to ward 22, where again he had the best of care.

Unfortunately, although he got over pneumonia, he had complications with breathing and his kidneys, and passed away on January 6 aged 83.

My family and myself cannot praise the sister, nurses, physios and other carers enough for how they cared for him. He always said, when we asked, that he had no pain, which was a blessing.

We hear so much about bad care in hospitals these days, but will be forever grateful for the excellent staff we have at MK, particularly ward 22.

Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. Thank you too for the excellent ambulance service, which arrived within 10 minutes.

Also, thanks to our good neighbours and friends who are helping us to get through this very sad time.

Name and address supplied

Add up travel costs

I AM writing this letter in the hope of stirring up the vast number of our MK residents who can never be bothered to respond to a consultation and then grumble and grouse about changes in, or to, their local environment.

I wonder how many of those complaining about the lack of parking spaces in Central Milton Keynes have evaluated their parking fee plus fuel cost, plus one 250th of their insurance and vehicle depreciation, against the

cost of an Arriva 28 day ticket at, I believe, £48. It is no use expecting the bus to be there when your car fails its MOT and the garage is totally unable to loan you an alternative vehicle. I note your news item about the cuts in subsidy which MK Council is having to find.

Those who do not drive, and there are at least eight in my own road, including myself, could easily become socially isolated, if, for example, half-hourly evening services were to become hourly.

Although I personally do not use a bus on a Sunday, other residents might be at a great disadvantage by such a service suspension.

Leonard Lean
Greeleys

Watching the birdies

AT HOLMWOOD School we are working for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) because it needs us to find out what kinds of birds we are getting less of.

We need to bring food so that the birds can stay alive and we are counting them for the RSPB.

Children are bringing bird food into school, because we want to attract birds into our playground.

We need to look after birds so they can be around more than they are now.

These birds are very important to all of us. In the last 40 years we've lost 81 per cent of our starlings.

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Wade Bailey's image of this handsome robin sitting pretty wins him a Milton Keynes Monopoly game in our Amazing Milton Keynes photography competition. Keep your best shots coming in for the chance to win.

Iain's Monthly Focus

Put your questions to Iain Stewart MP



Why does it Matter for Milton Keynes to get national publicity like this?

I think it is important for our successes to be recognised nationally. Towns and cities across the country are often in competition to attract new businesses and it is essential to show that we are a place where innovation and entrepreneurship thrive.

I was very struck by the number of colleagues in Parliament who came up to me to say that they were quite jealous the coverage that Milton Keynes was getting!

Will this growth continue?

I spend quite a bit of my time as MP visiting employers across my

Milton Keynes recently hit the national headlines when it was ranked by the Centre for Cities as the number one place in the UK for jobs growth over the last 10 years. Milton Keynes South MP Iain Stewart answers some questions about what we can expect to see in the future

constituency. There is certainly a good deal of optimism and many businesses are expecting to see their activity increase, which is good news for local jobs and apprenticeships.

We cannot, however, be complacent, and for as long as I am an MP locally, I will be doing all that I can to ensure that Milton Keynes remains the premier location.

What are the main challenges?

A concern that employers often raise with me is difficulties in recruiting

sufficient numbers of skilled and experienced staff, particularly in the engineering and technology sectors.

We need to make sure that we continue to attract and develop a good skills base locally. While there have been good improvements in the last few years, such as a 260 per cent increase in the number of engineering and manufacturing apprenticeships since 2010, there is still more to be done to attract young people to these industries.

Locally, we must also make sure that any further expansion plans have employment needs at their heart.

I recently made a submission to the Plan MK consultation, in which I outlined my concerns that we are rushing into yet another housing expansion phase, without pausing to think through properly what MK aspires to be.

I very much echo the calls made by my Conservative colleague on MK Council, David Hopkins, that we need to have a much more robust civic discussion about our future growth, before making any commitments beyond what has already been agreed.

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Cars scratched in vandal spree

BY SARAH LEE
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MOTORISTS are becoming increasingly concerned about the high level of vehicle vandalism that has been taking place on their estate.

Oxley Park drivers have been left frustrated by a spate of attacks, where their cars have been scratched in what is known as 'keying,' in some cases with offensive words.

"The count would appear to be in the 30s in terms of what we're aware of," said Paul Mullett, a resident who helps manage the area's Twitter

account. "Many residents are spending hundreds of pounds on security cameras and lights for fear of being victims themselves. It appears to happen mostly at night and would take only a moment each time to cause this damage."

Residents have turned to a community forum to express their concerns with others in the area.

One resident commented: "Our car was keyed along with three other cars while it was parked in the rear parking area of our house. Everyone must watch out for each other and be extra vigi-

lant." Heidi Burrows, who lives in Swanson Drive, said: "We've just had to pay out £450 to get our car fixed after vandals keyed swear words onto the side of our car. I had no other choice but to get it removed."

The police have informed residents that car scratching has also been taking place elsewhere in Oxley Park, with damage to cars on streets and in parking areas.

Officers are undertaking more patrols and have requested residents keep a look out for suspicious behaviour and report it.



Cutting it fine: Rob Parkes is budgeting for his meals as he tries to prove people on benefits can have a healthy diet

Rob feeding the family on a budget

A MAN infuriated by Channel 5 documentary Too Fat to Work has embarked on a month-long challenge to prove people on benefits can eat fresh healthy food.

Rob Parkes, 35, from Furzton, has given himself a budget of £57.52 a week, a sum he believes himself and his family would spend on food if they received benefits in the city.

During February, Rob and his wife and daughter will shop at budget stores, devise weekly meal plans and penny pinch.

He said: "A lot of people talk about benefits and I realised I didn't have a formed opinion so I wanted to educate myself."

"The vast majority of people on benefits do the absolute best they can. We began on Sunday, it's still early days yet but it is important to know what's best for value."

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Salden Chase plans

PLANS for 1,800 homes at Salden Chase have been submitted. A previous application for 5,600 homes was refused in 2011.

Ed backs devolution

LABOUR leader Ed Miliband visited MK on Monday to announce plans to devolve more powers to councils.

Licence is revoked

BLETCHLEY Mini Market in Watling Street has had its licence to sell alcohol revoked.

£24m centre opened

A £24million Biosample Centre was opened in Tilbrook on Wednesday. It can store 20million samples, including blood and DNA.

Road review is 'a fob off'

A COUNCILLOR has slammed a review into a troubled road.

Cllr John Bint has joined residents to complain about the noise HGV lorries cause when they pass over speed humps in Countess Way in Broughton. Cars are also swerving between the humps

into a bus lane.

A council review has said it will 'consider' removing some speed humps and installing traffic signals.

But Cllr Bint said: "Only 'considering' changes is not enough. The problem is more serious than that. It's a fob off."

High Street police point closes

A POLICE Information Point (PIP) in Woburn Sands High Street closed yesterday – and one in Olney is set to follow.

Residents will lose the High Street service where a police officer is on hand to answer any questions they have.

The PIP in Olney will follow

by closing on March 17 – as part of £44million cuts over three years. There are plans for a mobile police station to stop by in the town.

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Snow go with delayed buses

MILTON Keynes woke up to snow yesterday, but as scenic as it was the weather caused some delays for people trying to get to work. Commuters were left stranded in the morning for up to an hour waiting for Arriva bus services towards Walnut Tree and Blechley.

A spokesman for Arriva buses said: "All buses were running on time but there were 50 minute delays this morning [Tuesday], which then increased up to an hour before 9am."

"The 8.45am to Oxley Park arrived at 9.45, no buses were cancelled but everything was slow because of the weather."

Prapven Mid was waiting for the number 11 service from Campbell Park to Caldecotte.

He said: "The buses haven't arrived today [Tuesday] and it's been really bad."

"It's been so bad that people have had to call in late for work."



Winter wonderland: Braving the snow – Aspley Heath, above, Caldecote Lake, below right, and a cyclist at Furzton Lake



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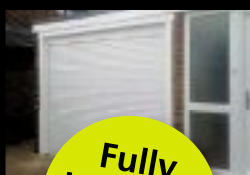


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Dance festival returns to Bowl

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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ELECTRIC Daisy Carnival UK (EDC) will return to The National Bowl this summer.

The one-day dance festival on Saturday, July 11 will feature four different stages, performers, fairground rides and a huge line-up of dance and drum and bass acts, with some still to be announced.

EDC came to the Bowl in the summer of 2014, but left many visitors frustrated when the second day of the event, due to be headlined by Fatboy Slim, was cancelled.

This year has been kept as a one-day event and the early owl tickets sold out in the first hour of going on sale at noon yesterday.

The four stages include techno at neonGARDEN, kineticFIELD with electro-house artists, drum and bass at circuitGROUNDS, and headliners at cosmicMEADOW.

The line-up so far includes Pendulum, BBC Radio 1's MistaJam, Claude VonStroke, Tiesto, Paul Van Dyk, Sigma



Girl power: Good times at last year's EDC at The National Bowl

and Route 94.

Steven Gordon-Wilson, CEO of tourism organisation Destination Milton Keynes, said: "It's a great coup to have EDC back at the Bowl."

"It's such a terrific venue and putting concerts on adds tremendously to the visitor economy."

"It shows that we're not the only ones that think it's brilliant when national productions like the EDC

come back for a second year."

General admission tickets cost £66, or people can upgrade to a VIP ticket for £255.

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Alan Turing's work found in hut's roof

ALAN Turing's codebreaking notes have been discovered in the roof of Hut 6 at Bletchley Park.

The top secret documents used to break the Enigma Code were found during the restoration. Turing's notes, alongside an atlas, pinboard and fashion magazine article that were also found, are now on display at the park. Alan Turing's family are due to visit the park on Sunday.

Hut 6: The notes found crunched up in the wooden roof

Film star backs gay pardon bid

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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ACTOR Benedict Cumberbatch, who played Enigma codebreaker Alan Turing in the Bletchley Park film *The Imitation Game*, is among more than 60,000 people campaigning for the Government to pardon 49,000 men who were prosecuted for being gay.

As MK NEWS reported on Christmas Day 2013, Bletchley Park hero Alan Turing was given a Government pardon

after being convicted of gross indecency in 1952 and chemically castrated. He killed himself in 1954.

Following the pardon a memorial was erected for him outside the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender club Pink Punters in Fenny Stratford.

Now thousands, including the Second World War codebreaker's family, are calling for all homosexuals who were prosecuted to be pardoned.

The signatories, who also include Stephen Fry, have asked the Duke and Duchess

of Cambridge to help with their campaign.

A letter, printed in the *Guardian*, states: "The UK's homophobic laws made the lives of generations of gay and bisexual men intolerable.

"It is up to young leaders to acknowledge this mark on our history and not allow it to stand."

The letter continues: "The apology and pardon of Alan Turing are to be welcomed but ignores over 49,000 men who were convicted under the same law."

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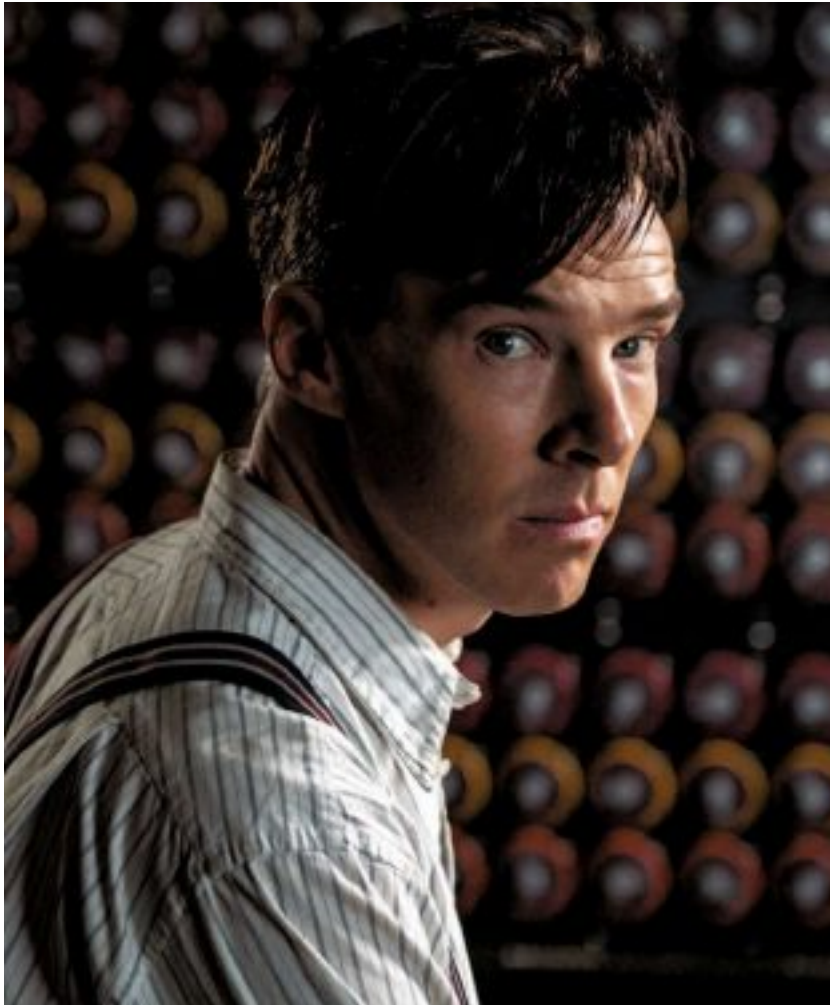
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Sign of the times

FAITH BLUMBERGER
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PROPOSALS for all children to know their 12 times tables when they leave primary school have been slammed by the vice president of the National Association of Headteachers.

Tony Draper, who is also a headteacher at a Milton Keynes school, says the plans unveiled by education minister Nicky Morgan this week are 'just a gimmick' and 'totally counterproductive'.

Under the Conservatives' plans pupils aged 11 would

also be expected to know correct punctuation, spelling and grammar.

Mrs Morgan told the Sunday Times: "It's the very minimum that a Government should do and the very least the public should expect."

But Mr Draper told MK NEWS: "The proposals would be totally counterproductive. This will do nothing other than score political points through further denigrating heads and teachers."

"We have no problem with ambition, that is to be celebrated and embraced, however, this is just a gimmick, we

cannot and must not reduce a whole primary education to the outcome of a 45-minute test during which a child may be ill, have had issues which impact on their concentration, or just not cope well with tests.

"Heads and teachers are working hard to raise standards in all schools and this is reflected in outcomes in Milton Keynes schools."

"The suggestion that headteachers should be sacked if one - yes, even one - child fails the test is pure electioneering and will do nothing for the morale of the profession."

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And as it was also his birthday he stayed to celebrate with revellers and raise money for Northampton-based Autism Concern.



For a picture gallery and full interview go online:
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New store stalled

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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'UNFORESEEN delays' have meant a supermarket giant will not be opening a new store in the city until the spring.

A Sainsbury's Local was due to open in Willen in early 2015 and residents have been voicing their frustration at the delays. Willen Local Centre has been without a convenience store for more than six months.

Anne Green said: "I find it very annoying that the local

shop at the Willen centre was closed ages ago and nothing has opened in its place yet.

"Although Sainsbury's originally said it would open early in 2015, I phoned its customer care line and was told it will open in spring.

"Willen Centre has become Milton Keynes' Mary Celeste, which is appropriate as it has the Ship Ashore next door."

As MK NEWS reported in September 2014, Willen Local Centre is being developed by Newcrest Willen Ltd because a number of shop units were vacant. After discussions last

year about a supermarket giant moving into the closed convenience store,

Sainsbury's announced plans to open a new branch of its Local chain, offering 20-25 full and part-time jobs.

A Sainsbury's spokesman said: "We are still committed to bringing a Sainsbury's Local to Willen. Unfortunately there has been an unforeseen delay in the works, but we hope to welcome customers to the store in spring.

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Take your seat for cinema sensation

BY JAMES AVERILL

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CINEMA enthusiasts were left rocking this week – as Europe's first 4DX cinema opened at Cineworld in Xscape.

Celebrities ventured to the red carpet screening of Kingsman: The Secret Service on Thursday.

Comedian Russell Kane, Skins actor Luke Pasqualino and YouTube sensations Jack Harries and Jamal Edwards experienced the 4DX screen, which offers rocking chairs that sway in time with the action on screen, blasts of wind and water and scents such as gunpowder during action and explosion scenes.

MK NEWS was there to watch the action – after the screen was opened by mayor Derek Eastman, who cut the film tape to set the

evening off.

Following the screening he said: "It was superb. It was a surprise and an honour to cut the tape."

Before the screening, Cineworld chief executive Moshe Greidinger had told the audience: "This is new technology that we have been working on for some time in other countries and will really add to the movie experience."

"In the future as well as our customers choosing what film they want to see, they will choose how they want to see it."

After experiencing the 4DX, comedian Russell Kane told MK NEWS: "It was like being on a ride at Disney World."

This year can be considered the second coming of cinema in Milton Keynes with the 4DX, which is the first one in Europe, opening on the same day as Odeon released impressions of how its new IMAX will look when it opens at MK1 on February 27.

But sadly the Odeon cinema at The Point – opened in 1985 as Britain's first multiplex cinema – will shut down on February 26.

It brings to an end a cinema presence at the landmark, which has been scheduled for demolition ahead of a proposed shopping centre revamp.

■ Read our review of 4DX in MK LIFE on page 40.



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When he came to the office I was quickly able to establish that it was in fact a preserved, or frozen, company final salary pension scheme. The gentleman told me his plan was to transfer his pension into a personal pension and then cash it all in when the pension rules change in April 2016 and use the money to pay off a large portion of his mortgage. He is aged 55 and his wife is 60. The government will be changing the pension rules from April next year which will allow people with money purchase pension schemes such as personal pensions to



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My advice to him at our meeting was to keep the pension, tell his wife to increase her working hours from part-time to full-time, to make voluntary overpayment on his interest only mortgage of £300 p.m. which he confirmed was affordable as well as use the extra income earned from his wife to repay the mortgage each month and to use the tax free lump sum from his pension to pay off his mortgage at retirement.

I told him there was nothing more I could do for him.

The next day he rang me and told me that after discussing it with his wife he had decided to transfer his pension into a personal pension and asked me to act for him.

I refused because he had decided to not follow my advice.

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Webber sits top of table

BY NISHA MAL

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THE latest performance tables for secondary schools in Milton Keynes reveal that Webber Independent School performed the best – with 73 per cent of pupils achieving five or more A*-C grades in their GCSEs.

The data, released by the Department for Education on Thursday, ranked Sir Herbert Leon in Bletchley as the lowest performing school in the city, with just 25 per cent of pupils achieving more than five A*-C grades.

Sue Vig, who is principal at Webber Independent School, which is based in Statonbury Fields, said she was 'incredibly proud' of the results.

She added: "This truly reflects the dedication shown by the children, supported by parents and, of course, the staff. Congratulations to all the students who have worked so hard for their grades."

But not every school

could improve their results. Stantonbury Campus dropped by 12 per cent from 53 per cent in 2013 to 41 per cent this year.

Principal Chris Williams said: "We were disappointed by the GCSE results. We continue to work hard to enable every student to achieve and despite the 2014 dip at GCSE, we are confident that the school continues to improve with an expected 10 per cent improvement in 2015.

"The best advice to parents, however, is to view the tables with caution.

"The Department for Education made changes just months before the end of courses and schools had really difficult decisions to make – either stay with courses because they counted for students or make late changes because they counted for the school.

"As a result, the achievements of some students have not been counted, even though they have the certificates as evidence of their success."



Work stations: Milton Keynes College is boosting students' work potential

College goes to work on careers

MILTON Keynes College is hosting an Employability Week until Friday, aimed at giving students extra qualifications on top of their usual subjects.

The week of non-timetabled activities and workshops focuses on helping students become more employable once they leave and is available to students of all ages.

Retailers, business owners, chefs and beauty therapists are on hand to give extra training. Activities include cooking in an army field kitchen and a Q&A with a BAFTA-winning screenwriter.

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Sounds compute for musical piece

BY JAMES AVERILL

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THE sounds of 70 years of computing will be made into a musical composition as part of an Arts Council funded project at Bletchley's The National Museum of Computing (TNMOC).

The public will be able to listen in as the project unfolds and later in the year a series of new musical compositions will be published.

Award-winning sound artist and composer Matt Parker will start his project, The Imitation Archive, later this month and produce a permanent sound archive of the restored and recreated working machines at the museum.

The archive, the first of its kind, will represent the progress of computing over the past 70 years and will be lodged in the British Library as well as TNMOC.

Once recorded and archived, Matt will use the audio material to create a series of interlinked musical compositions that will reflect the development of computing from the codebreaking Colossus computer up to the present day.



Modern music: Matt Parker, inset, is tapping into computer sounds

Other machines that are expected to be recorded include the wartime Robinson and Tunny code-breaking equipment, the world's oldest original working digital computer, the Harwell Dekatron/WITCH, the large systems of the 1960s and the mainframes that followed.

Matt said: "The sounds of handheld devices are all around us today and I am thrilled to have the opportunity to look back to where modern computing began, in Bletchley, and trace the rapid growth of technology through an original sound archive."

He will be giving a talk on his work at TNMOC on Thursday, April 16, at 7.30pm. See www.ticketsource.co.uk/tnmoc to book a place.

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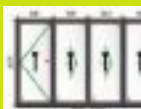
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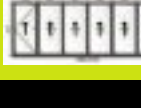
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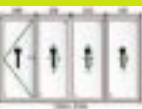


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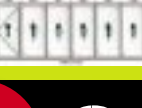
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Criminals get their

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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MORE than 120 police officers worked together on **Operation Dusk** on Friday, leading to 13 people being arrested.

The early morning raids took place at 13 properties across the city after residents raised concerns about criminal activity.

The arrests were made for a range of offences, including possession of Class A drugs with intent to supply, possession of an electric gun, burglary, theft and handling stolen goods.

Thomas Felce, 24, of Greenwich Gardens, Newport Pagnell, has been charged with possession of cannabis and has been bailed until February 19. The 12



4.45am: Operation Dusk began with a briefing from Supt Gez Chiariello. Officers then took to the streets with warrants for different properties. Officers visited the properties and carried out searches after receiving tip-offs from members of the public

others have also been bailed. During searches, officers uncovered two cannabis factories and a quantity of

cash, as well as a stun gun and shotgun cartridges. Anyone with information should call police on 101.



Left: No criminal's door is safe. Police arrive to search a property in the city



Right: Drugs recovered from one of the cannabis factories uncovered during Operation Dusk, which will never reach the city's streets

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Discoveries: Police searched businesses to check if they were handling stolen goods. Supt Chiariello tweeted the number of arrests and what officers found during their searches



Supt Gez Chiariello

TOP COP PRAISES RAID'S 100 PER CENT SUCCESS

THE city's top cop, Superintendent Gez Chiariello, has praised the success of the raids on Friday.

Speaking to MK NEWS, the Local Policing Area Commander said:

"Never in my career so far have I been on a operation which has a 100 per cent success rate like this one."

"The 13 arrests were made for a range of offences, including drugs, firearms and theft, which were all

geared towards helping to make Milton Keynes a safer place. The raids were targeted at areas and issues raised by the public.

In response to criticisms regarding police tweets about the progress of the raid he said: "Everything that went out to the public, including tweets, was done after the event, as there was no way we would compromise the investigation like that."

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Shop following the

BY SARAH LEE
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FROM 1930s newspapers to The Beano comics, Ken's Paper Collectables has it all.

Ken Graham established the business with his wife in 1983 and has been buying and selling vintage magazines, show business memorabilia and autographs ever since.

This hidden gem, located in High Street, Newport Pagnell, has been described by locals

as an Aladdin's cave.

Papers such as an 1897 edition of The Illustrated London News reporting the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria and The Daily Herald's report of Hitler's suicide in 1945 are Ken's stock-in-trade.

He said: 'Most of my customers have collected all of their lives – books, toy soldiers, model aeroplanes, militaria or whatever.'

'The store itself was originally centred on magazines and comics, but I have

extended the collection to newspapers, posters, autographs and programmes. "The most sought-after items are the autographs and the comics."

Ken also said that one of the most exciting items in the store at the moment is Joseph Goebbels' business card, which includes a handwritten signature. It can be yours at a snip for just £650.

He added: "Magazines and newspapers bring our history back to life in a vivid way that simply no other medium can match."

"Quite a lot of the material I have is uncommon and difficult to find, however, that is the magic of collecting. People wait years to fill in gaps in their collection and enjoy the hunt as much as having the item."



On display: A vintage display of Ken's stock-in-trade

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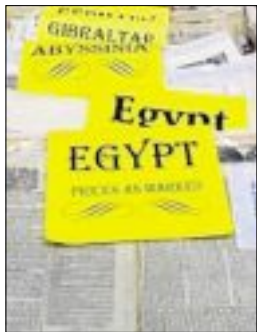


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Special gym needs sponsors to expand

BY NISHA MAL

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A TEAM of parents and grandparents are rallying behind a gymnastics centre specialising in children with disabilities and learning difficulties to find a sponsor for a new building.

Special Needs Unit Gymnastics, also known as SNUGS, is only able to open two days a week and is limited in the amount of children it can take on.

The gym is as important to the parents as it is to the children and a team of mums, dads and grandparents are searching for businesses to help them raise money.

Lorraine Clarke said: "My granddaughter Shannon has ADHD and ASD. She used to go to a gym that didn't cater for special needs, but the other children would snub her and didn't understand her disability.

"If SNUGS didn't exist there wouldn't be anything else for her. Here she feels like she has friends and the other



Lorraine Clarke and her granddaughter Shannon Leonard-Clarke

children understand her.

"If any of the children have a fit or play up nobody bats an eyelid because we're all in the same boat."

Lorraine and a team of parents have been writing letters and visiting big businesses looking for a new sponsor. If they can get the funding, the money will go towards a new building big enough to take on more children, and the cost of

decorating it.

Owner of SNUGS Harry Sharpe said: "I have been running the gym for 21 years and it's a big help for me and my wife that the parents are helping to move things forward."

Currently SNUGS rents Cottesloe Gym in Leadenhall but the building isn't big enough for all the equipment and parents spend an hour-and-a-half before each session setting up the facilities.

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Kids saddle up with Asda grant

RIDE High has received an £18,500 grant from the Asda Foundation, which will help it continue changing the lives of disadvantaged children.

The funding will allow the charity, based in Great Brickhill, to buy a new vehicle to bring children to its centre every week.

Ride High aims to help disadvantaged children and those having difficulties in their daily lives by giving them the opportunity to learn to ride and look after horses and ponies.



Reiny day: Asda's grant will boost Ride High's activities

Dons to search for the next Dele Alli

BY SCOTT KIRK

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A £30,000 project has been launched to help create better chances for school-children to gain access to elite sport, including playing for the likes of MK Dons.

The two-year project, which is funded by the Premier League, will see former Dons players go into city schools to help coach children aged seven to 11 years old.

MK Dons Sports Education Trust (SET) will run the

scheme, which is also aiming to re-establish the U11s district football teams in Milton Keynes and the surrounding area from September.

"The main areas of the project are to improve the quality of primary school sport," said Balvinder Shekhon, MK Dons SET's community delivery manager.

"We're also working with our academy to identify talented and gifted players."

"Another strand to it is for ex-players to encourage and

get involved in the coaching side. We're working alongside schools to work at grassroots level, to inspire children to improve their skills."

The project is part of a wider £10.5million investment, which came about following the 2012 London Olympics.

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She will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved her.

The funeral service will be held on 10th February at 2.00pm at the United Reformed Church, Olney, with interment to follow at Olney Green Burial Ground at 3.00pm.

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Speed dating is in business

BY JACK ASH
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WHILE outside the frost was refusing to shift and the daily commuters were competing with the Milton Keynes traffic, in Missoula people were generating some hot business leads.

At The Hub venue, Dave Blazey was holding his monthly networking meetings with some of the brightest business minds in the city.

The system, in which business people are brought together, was more like speed dating than your normal networking sessions and this seemed to prevent the boring and idle chatter that often gets in the way of other networking events.

The system is claimed to have scored an 80 per cent success rate for those attending the session finding

business partners, buildings and contacts.

You have 60 seconds to pitch your company to the person opposite you, then they have a minute to talk to you and cards are exchanged before moving to the next person.

The whole concept is to meet new contacts. You are not going to get to know everything about someone in 60 seconds, but you will take their cards and maybe use them in the future.

Mark said: "In 2008 I attended 90 networking groups, lunch groups, morning clubs and dinners and we wanted to take the best of each and find out what is the worst of each one."

"I wanted to give as much exposure to each other and found the speed dating principle worked best where everyone would meet one another, tell people about their

business and find out about 18 to 20 other business."

The event saw all manner of companies and representatives take part, from a reiki master teacher to builders and accountants.

Hannah Harris, from Ramada Encore in Milton Keynes, said: "I have been coming to a few and they are good ways to meet – maybe not necessarily for selling, but for referral."

Chris Carter, from Belvoir letting agents, said: "This is a great way to connect with local business, many people are investment landlords and this is a personal and discreet way to meet people."

Ranjini Woodhouse is a reiki master teacher and divine guidance coach and uses the networking sessions to offer a slightly different service.

She said: "I promote reduction in stress with business



All change: Mark Blazey rings the bell for people to swap partners at his networking event

people and I can reduce the healing process after an operation."

If you want to be part of the next event then the best way to get involved is to contact Mark through LinkedIn.

He said: "I send out around

200 invitations per month, but the system works with a precise number and this year I am looking to do a whole day when people can book their own spot."

The next Friday morning session is on February 27. On

February 9 Mark will be holding a day with keynote speakers.

He also has informal Monday night sessions at Missoula to help people who can't make the morning sessions.

Delays Catapulted away

THE installation of new technology to reduce passenger delays has been successfully completed at seven UK airports.

Rollled out by the Transport Systems Catapult, which is based in Milton Keynes, in partnership with air traffic services provider NATS, the technology is also expected to improve airspace management and efficiency

and reduce fuel consumption and carbon emissions. This will lead to estimated savings for the UK air transport network of more than £10million over the next three years.

The technology has been unveiled at a host of UK airports, including Stansted and Luton.

Previously only installed at Heathrow and Gatwick,

Departure Planning Information (DPI) allows airports to provide real-time information about the departure of aircraft to a European flight information network which in turn enables national and European air traffic control centres to make much better assessments regarding the flow of traffic and arrival times of aircraft.

Jobs record for young people

A RECORD number of young people on a council job scheme managed to find work in the lead up to Christmas.

The Neighbourhood Employment Programme (NEP) is an employability, education and training support service helping people into work by offering job search facilities, advice and training at Job Clubs

throughout the city.

A record number of 125 people were found work in the three months in the run up to Christmas.

Importantly, 24 per cent of those people finding work were aged from 18-24.

This improving picture has been boosted by Morrisons recruiting 200 staff at its new bespoke store at the Leisure Plaza in the city centre.

The supermarket has been working with NEP and Milton Keynes College to provide retail training to job hunters with a guarantee of an interview if they pass a training course.

Cllr Hannah O'Neill, cabinet member for regeneration, said: "The NEP gives people confidence to go out and find work or, in some cases, get back into work."



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Jobseekers figures fall

FIGURES released by the Office for National Statistics have shown the number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance in Milton Keynes fell by 1,101 in the 12 months up to December.

The national picture also remains very strong. In the three months to November, the number of people out of work in the UK tumbled by 58,000 to 1.91million, the lowest level for more than six years.

Wages also continue to rise faster than inflation with average earnings increasing by 1.8 per cent from a year earlier.

Milton Keynes South MP, Iain Stewart, welcomed the news.

"I am delighted to see hundreds more individuals finding employment in Milton Keynes," he said.

"Our recovery has been hard-fought, so I am glad to see wages now increasing and more and more families having the security of a regular wage."

"Thanks to our long-term economic plan, businesses in MK are feeling confident. It is vital that we continue on the road to economic stability and growth."



Futuristic office: The new Volkswagen Financial Services HQ in MK



Colour-coded HQ promises a bright new start for VW

VOLKSWAGEN Financial Services (VWFS) has moved into its new headquarters in Milton Keynes.

As a key part of the company's plans, the new £36million office presents the next stage in VWFS' growth – marking the start of a very exciting period in its history.

Situated on the former River Island premises in Delaware Road, the new head office building features sleek curves, intersected by straight lines, and provides 100,000sq ft of space over four floors.

Internally, it includes flexible working spaces, a theatre-style conference centre, a staff restaurant and coffee shop that features its very own VW van.

Each floor has a different colour theme – orange, green and purple – and Volkswagen's unique branding and message is echoed in every aspect of the building, from its chandeliers to its conference rooms.

The building, which has been described as 'modern with a hint of history', aims to represent the company's development and, ultimately, what it stands for – modernity, development, productivity and design.

The office opened its doors



Facility manager Sue Lewis

to employees on January 5.

VWFS UK facility manager Sue Lewis said: "Employees tend to come in earlier and leave much later than before. They don't want to leave. They can come in and have breakfast in the morning and work in a relaxed environment during the day."

Graham Wheeler, managing director at VWFS UK, added: "The new headquarters not only marks the business' development and productivity but stands as a voice for its employees. The culture we have attempted to create here means employees have everything they need in one space."

"We have put an emphasis

on a social environment, where they can relax."

Ms Lewis added that VWFS will create a barbecue area in the gardens during the summer, where employees can 'chill out' during their break. And if you think this sounds like an exciting place to work then here's your chance as VWFS is still recruiting – with almost 75 vacancies to fill.

Mr Wheeler said: "The type of employee we normally recruit are those who travel to London."

"But why commute when you have this on your doorstep in Milton Keynes?"

The company aims to recruit an additional 340 people by 2018.

HOW TO RUIN YOUR RETIREMENT

I met a potential new client last week at our offices. He had told me prior to the meeting that he had a pension with a transfer value of £116K from a previous employer and that he needed advice on it. From our discussions I understood it was a company money purchase pension scheme. In other words not one of those guaranteed pensions known as final salary schemes that have virtually disappeared unless you continue to work in the public sector. It is only under very exceptional and rare circumstances that you should ever consider switching your pension out of such a good scheme.

When he came to the office I was quickly able to establish that it was in fact a preserved, or frozen, company final salary pension scheme. The gentleman told me his plan was to transfer his pension into a personal pension and then cash it all in when the pension rules change in April 2016 and use the money to pay off a large portion of his mortgage. He is aged 55 and his wife is 60. The government will be changing the pension rules from April next year which will allow people with money purchase pension schemes such as personal pensions to



Tony Byrne
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withdraw 100% of the money from their pensions.

I advised him that it wasn't a good idea for the following reasons;

1. He is likely to get a poor transfer value.
2. He will be taxed heavily on the encashment value of his replacement personal pension.
3. He will be left with little pension apart from his state pension.
4. He will pay unnecessary charges as well as professional fees.

My advice to him at our meeting was to keep the pension, tell his wife to increase her working hours from part-time to full-time, to make voluntary overpayment on his interest only mortgage of £300 p.m. which he confirmed was affordable as well as use the extra income earned from his wife to repay the mortgage each month and to use the tax free lump sum from his pension to pay off his mortgage at retirement.

I told him there was nothing more I could do for him.

The next day he rang me and told me that after discussing it with his wife he had decided to transfer his pension into a personal pension and asked me to act for him.

I refused because he had decided to not follow my advice.

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New shop's bracelets have an Italian charm

SOME true Italian chic has arrived in Milton Keynes with Nomination Jewellery opening a store in the centre:mk.

The internationally-renowned company specialises in unisex charm bracelets suitable for all budgets, with more than 2,000 links that can tell your story or express your personality.

Manager Rich Ketteridge said: "We have already tapped into people's imagination and once they discover us they tend to get hooked."

"Milton Keynes did not have any of our stock and indicators told us there was a bit of a gap in the market."

All of the 2,000 links are made in Florence and have a two year guarantee.

The bracelets range between £10 and £30 each



Bracelets: Manager Rich Ketteridge with some of the charms

and the links, which come in a range of colours and styles to suit all ages, start from £16. The designer brand also sells other jewellery, including earrings, necklaces and rings.

The store, which currently employs three local people,

is situated near House of Fraser and Marks and Spencer.

It is running a special Valentine's offer until February 14 where if you buy two link charms you will get a bracelet for free.

HAVE YOU GOT A STORY ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS YOU WANT TO SHARE?

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Katie's art has big showcase

ARTIST and businesswoman Katie Brown will be exhibiting her artwork for the first time at London's Business Design Centre on Wednesday, March 18.

Katie, aged 30 and originally from Newport Pagnell, has her own gift store, Blue Butterfly, in Brackley.

Selling stone coasters, mugs, teapot stands, money boxes and iPhone cases, Katie, who lives in Towcester, admitted she is 'nervous but excited' to be showcasing her work at such a large event.

The former vet's receptionist opened her shop in Courtyard Mews, Market Place, last year but decided to move to a bigger store next door so that she was able to paint.

Katie said: "Since last year, the business has doubled in size. It's a lovely surprise. I have been painting since I was six and would always paint for family and friends.

"I decided to quit my job as a vet's receptionist to do something I love."

Her designs include multi-coloured hares, kissing penguins and heart-shaped flamingos.

Katie will also be selling her range at the MK Handmade and Vintage Fair at the centre:mk on February 28.



Free for all: Manager Alan Smith at MK Storehouse, which is offering clothing to those who most need it

Free clothes store caters for needy

THE mayor, Councillor Derek Eastman, has cut the ribbon to mark the opening of the city's first free clothing storehouse.

The project, which is called MK Storehouse and based in Stacey Bushes, is a new initiative for the city and has been set up by Grand Union Vineyard Church (GUV) in order to

reach out to school age children up to adults of all ages who are in need of clothing in the city.

Manager of the MK Storehouse Alan Smith said: "In ancient times storehouses were used to keep the surplus in times of plenty to provide supplies to the people during times of famine.

"MK Storehouse will be the place where those with a surplus of clothing in Milton Keynes can ensure it reaches those who are experiencing times of lack."

Donations can be taken to Grand Union Vineyard Church, World Vision House, Opal Drive, Fox Milne, Milton Keynes, MK15 0ZR

MKBUSINESSBRIEFS

Office boosts networks

INSURANCE software specialist Transactor Global Solutions Limited (TGS) has opened a new larger office in Central Milton Keynes, having been in the city for more than 10 years.

The new office accommodates TGS's expanding workforce. It provides advanced networking and video conferencing to ensure staff in all five offices in the UK and Europe are able to communicate efficiently with clients and each other.

Calling business stars

PwC is urging private businesses in Milton Keynes to share their success stories by nominating themselves in the 2015 UK Private Business Awards (The Diamonds), which celebrate the best of UK private businesses and their contribution to the UK economy.

Nominations are now open for one or more of the 10 categories, including CEO of the Year, Family Business of the Year, Private Business of the Year and Rising Star of the Year.

Last year's winners showed the rich variety of companies making their mark including FoundOcean, Viper Subsea Technology and Joseph Joseph.

The nomination period runs until February 20. The deadline for submitting a full entry form is April 23.

The awards shortlist will be announced on June 4.

Apprentice style recruitment day

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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APPRENTICE winner Lee McQueen has created new recruitment events based on the BBC 1 hit series.

Mr McQueen founded Raw Talent Academy (RTA), which is providing people with a platform to demonstrate their ability based on what they can do and not necessarily what is on their CV.

The academy's unique audition day is coming to stadiummk on Thursday to fill roles for city-based Sunrise Associates Ltd. The day will see the top 20 candidates undertake a series of real life business tasks while being assessed by both Sunrise and RTA.

Mr McQueen said: "Our process allows Sunrise to see a number of high calibre candidates, handpicked by my team, showcase their ability.

"In a complete departure from usual recruitment processes, none of our clients will have met or even seen the CV of the candidates attending."

"We do this so candidates are not prejudged based on their education or experience. We believe the best sales people share similar attributes and skills and the tasks at our audition day test these in real-life-inspired situations."



Working out: Zib Atkins, centre, is a midnight user of PureGym

Never too late for keeping fit

MIDNIGHT gym-goers are on the increase in Milton Keynes.

At PureGym in Snowdon Drive, Winterhill, 20 per cent of its members now train at night, most of them being shift workers.

Zib Atkins, from Milton Keynes, typically uses the gym from 12.30-2am

"For me it is a matter of availability. I am currently at university, running my own business and trying to find time to spend with my partner and son."

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They formed in 1997 and are best known for their hit single *Dancing in the Moonlight*. The four-piece group began their career by touring with the likes

of Coldplay and Muse in small music venues across the UK.

Toploader saw huge success with their album, *Onka's Big Moka*, which debuted at number five in the UK album charts in 2000.

Embarking on a nationwide tour called *Turning It Around*, the band will be playing at The Stables on Wednesday, February 13 at 8pm.

Tickets cost £17.50 and can be bought at www.stables.org/

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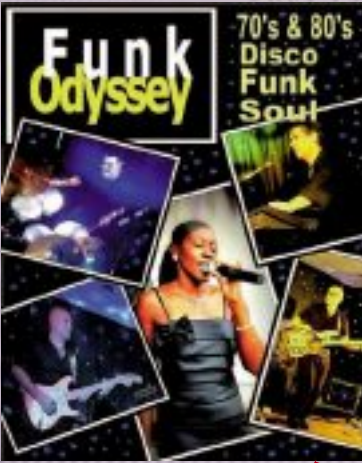
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beatlesreborn

MASSIVE Beatles fan? Well look no further, get your flares out and boogie the evening away as the Bootleg Beatles take you on a magical mystery tour.

The tribute act are touring the country with all the mop tops' classic songs and will be whisking you back to the 60s when

they appear at Milton Keynes Theatre on March 15.

The band have been going strong since the 1980s and have performed at hundreds of gigs across the globe.

Formed from the original cast of London's West End hit show, Beatlemania, the group have

become an institution with perfect harmonies and recreations of hits from one of the world's most famous songbooks.

Tickets for the show cost £30 and are available from atgtickets.com/milton-keynes. The show begins at 7.30pm.

radio couple

THE opportunity to interview my first ever crush was one that I couldn't turn down. As a 90s child, Blue Peter and Katy Hill were a staple of afternoon viewing once home from school.

So when I found out Katy was set to join Stuart Miles on the Heart breakfast show I knew it was now or never to finally meet her.

Since Monday, Katy has been joining long-time friend Stuart on the show, which promises to be just the ticket to get you up in the morning.

The pair spent six years on the children's programme between 1994 and 2000 and couldn't wait to rekindle their friendship.

Katy said: "Because we have been together before we will hit the ground running, normally people start working together and it's a little bit awkward."

One target audience that will certainly be well represented is

the mums.

Katy added: "I took time out having my kids."

"It is weird

being on

air with

Stuart at

breakfast

because

my break-

fast is very

different

from this,

my break-

fast is getting

two kids out

of bed like 50

per cent of our

listeners and I'll

probably be on

air texting home

telling them not to forget their

swimming kit."

Stuart said: "The show won't

be like a first date, more like a



couple that went out, disappeared, experienced life, then came back and was like 'I enjoyed that, let's try it again'."

Jack Ash

filmreview

AS I sat down to watch spoof spy flick Kingsman: The Secret Service it became quite apparent this screening would be rather different.

The 4DX screen at Cineworld in Xscape is the first of its kind in Europe, with seats that rock and squirt you with water and wind, depending on the action.

In the early stages of Kingsman, Eggsy (played by Taron Egerton) nicks a car and goes on a speed chase through the streets. As I'm catapulted along with him, I narrowly avoid being flung from the seat.



This experience can be described as a virtual rollercoaster. The smell of gunpowder is also prevalent in many of the shooting scenes – in which Samuel L Jackson stars as a vil-

lain trying to cull earth's population – with Kingsman agent Galahad (Colin Firth) trying to stop him with Eggsy's help.

At times, though, the 4DX did feel almost a distraction from the plot. The possibility of being squirted with water as Titanic sinks when it is inevitably released in 4DX may somewhat detract from the poignancy.

But it will be great for mindless action flicks, which thankfully Kingsman was. And it was great at what it did.

★★★★☆ James Averill

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powerfulpunk

THE hardcore punk-funk metal band Snot have announced they will be reuniting for a tour, rocking their classic 1997 album Get Some in Wolverton.

Snot originally hail from California and formed in 1997, but split up a year later after vocalist Lynn Strait died in a car accident. In 2009 they reformed.

Guitarist Mikey Doling said: "I want to let you know we are ready to rock out as hard as humanly possible with all you

Snot heads around the world, on our first world tour. "I hope you're ready because we have a ton of massive energy to bring to you. Snot is something special to us.

"We will enjoy playing our debut, Get Some, for all you diehard snot heads!"

Frontman Tommy Vext said: "Words cannot describe how excited I am to be getting back on the road with my brothers in Snot. It is a privilege to play with a band that has had

an indeterminable influence over countless artists from the bands inception and thereafter.

"I'm honoured to pay tribute to Lynn Strait and offer Snot fans on an international level the live experience they may not have yet enjoyed."

Snot will be rocking out at The Craufurd Arms on Wednesday, February 18 at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £12, plus a £1.20 booking fee. Buy them from www.thecraufurdarms.com

mksocial

THE latest addition to MK's leisure scene has the evening catered for – and you could win some vouchers to enjoy there with family and friends.

MK Social, which recently opened in the Theatre District, is offering five people £50 vouchers to spend at their leisure. Whether you want to eat, drink or dance (or all three) – MK Social has it all.

Their chef uses great local produce to serve up award-winning steaks, hand crafted burgers and sharing nibbles.

And as the name suggests, the best way to get to know someone is over a great drink – the venue has signature cocktails, handpicked wines and its own craft beer.

What better way to work off that tasty meal and the drinks



than by hitting the dancefloor to world famous DJs or live musicians?

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streetsahead

JAMES Redmond is well-known for playing Abs in Casualty, Fin in Hollyoaks and appearing in soaps Emmerdale and, most recently, Coronation Street.

But away from the screen James has a funny alter ego. Fans can experience his style of humour in Milton Keynes when he performs at The Comedy Cow on April 25 at 7.30pm.

James will headline the evening with his dry, slick and subtle stand up routine.

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Tue 10 Feb

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Wed 18 Feb

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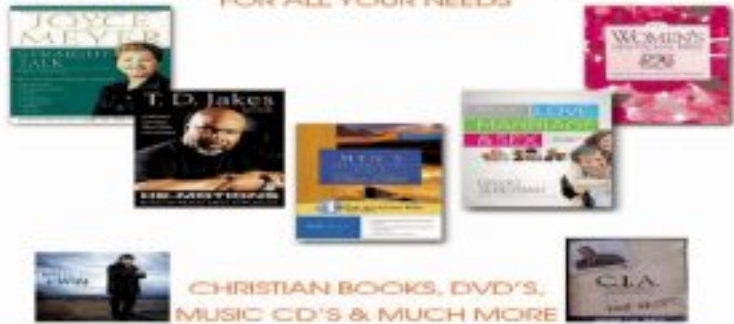


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AN ACTOR from a Milton Keynes hamlet will be taking to the stage in the latest production of Matthew Bourne's Edward Scissorhands at MK Theatre.

Playing not only the role of Bill Broggs, the father of the female lead, Tim Hodges, 29, is also the understudy for the part of Jim Upton, the main antagonist of the production.

Tim, from Singleborough, said: "Playing two parts is really tough, but I wouldn't change it for the world."

"Training every day and being on tour away from my

friends and family is hard, but I love musical theatre.

"My love for dancing started when I was six years old after watching my first ballet show. Ever since then, I have been hooked. My body is my bread and butter – it's what I'm passionate about and what earns me an income."

The actor, who trained at the Myra Tiffin School of Performing Arts in Stony Stratford and Tring Park in London, added: "The favourite parts I have played so far in my career have to be Munkustrap in Cats and Billy Flynn in Chicago."

"Edward Scissorhands is a unique production and I'm really proud to be a part of it!"

"I am looking to broaden my horizons in the next few years and being a part of Edward Scissorhands is a stepping stone to getting there."

The actor has also taken part in Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake UK Tour, The Dirty Dancing UK and Dublin tours, Singin' In The Rain at the Palace Theatre and many more.

The production runs from February 17-21. Tickets can be bought at www.atgtickets.com/milton-keynes

petadvice

Resident pet expert AMY CONVERSE – from Vets4Pets in Bletchley – gives some advice to owners about a recurring problem



DID you know what the most common disease in adult dogs and cats is?

If you can believe it, problems with the teeth are the most common condition seen in adult dogs and cats.

Dental disease is a condition that is entirely preventable.

Dogs and cats can get similar problems to humans including gingivitis (gum infection), plaque and calculus.

If left unchecked, this can lead to gum recession and tooth loss.

Furthermore, infections in the mouth have been shown to cause changes in the heart, liver and kidneys.

Imagine what a sore tooth feels like to you, then think about what your pet must feel when they get older and many of their teeth become painful.

The vets and nurses at your pet's veterinary surgery can help with dental problems that your animal is suffering from.

This can include having a nurse show you how to brush your pet's teeth, doing a dental scale and polish – similar to the dental cleaning a person would have – or even performing a root canal on a tooth that has been broken.

Symptoms of dental problems could be bad breath, dropping or avoiding food or losing weight and a reluctance to allow you to stroke your pet near the face.

There could also be bleeding from the mouth.

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festivaltime

THE Milton Keynes Festival of the Arts for Dance, Music and Drama has evolved and become bigger and better since its formation in Bletchley in 1968.

Talented amateur musicians, dancers and performers sign up to take part in the festival each year, where they have a chance to compete, win awards and get feedback from professional judges.

Patricia Haig has been organising the festival for 10 years. She said: "This year we've had more than 12,000 sign up and it's going to be bigger than ever."

"It is a good platform for amateur performers, it's great practice for them and we can give them a public space to showcase their skills and abilities."

Musicians, dancers and singers of all ages are welcome to take part but must not be professionals.

The festival has been split up into three events with the drama festival running for two days from Saturday, February 21 until Sunday, February 22, the music festival from Sunday, February 28 until Friday, March 1 and the choir sessions on Friday, March 13.

As well as the festival there is also the Milton Keynes Young Musician of the Year on Wednesday, March 4. It is the first competition of its kind locally and up to eight performers from Milton Keynes Festival will be chosen to take part in the event.

The festival will run from Saturday, February 14 until Friday, March 3. Tickets for the music and choir events can be bought at the door of each venue for £3.



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wizardproduction

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bigpants

A ONE woman show written by local writer Louise Roche, *Big Pants*

and Botox talks about the highs and perils of being a middle-aged woman.

Follow The Bill actress Mary Jo Randle as she takes you on the journey of Barbara, who is celebrating a milestone birthday.

The show is on at The Chrysalis Theatre on Friday, February 20 and tickets cost between £10 and £8 from www.chrysalismk.co.uk. The performance starts at 7.30pm and doors open one hour before the show.



raggedrhythms

THE band Ragged Staff are named after a 17th century Inn, which once stood at the crossroads in the Bedfordshire village of Silsoe.

The current line-up plays a foot-tapping Anglo-Celtic mix of traditional and contemporary folk music. Ragged Staff will be playing at The Song Loft at The Cock Hotel, Stony Stratford, on Friday at 8.15pm. Tickets cost £6 on the door.



By Sam Potter

IF YOU suffer from low back pain and sciatica, you are one of over 20 million adults in the UK

with this often crippling spinal condition.

Shooting, stabbing and burning pains from the low back, sometimes with additional pain through the buttocks and down the legs are all symptoms of a pinched nerve often called "sciatica".

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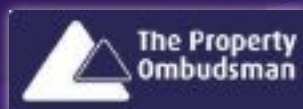


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PROPERTYNEWS

Wednesday, February 4, 2015



Bletchley

THIS fantastic four double bedroom self-build detached family home is now available.

This home sits comfortably within a good sized plot and benefits from being extended to incorporate an integrated double garage and superb versatile living space throughout.

The home requires some modernisation to enable any family to make it their own.

It is situated in Otter Close, Bletchley, a constituent town of Milton Keynes that has matured very well over the years and is historically known for being the home of the codebreakers.

There are also an array of parks, which are a walking distance from the property itself, along with nearby primary and secondary schools.

Bletchley train station is just over a mile walk away and there is convenient access to the A5. Nearby amenities include

shopping in Central Milton Keynes, plus Bletchley High Street is a short distance away.

Offered with no onward chain, this property is on the market for £399,950. Viewing is by appointment only with Rhyen Jordan Estate Agents in Milton Keynes on 01908 303664.

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Shenley Brook End

- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Ample Off Road Parking
- Double Garage

An individual designed property situated in the sought after area of Shenley Brook End overlooking The Green. There is also potential to extend if required.

£750,000



Ashpole Furlong

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Prestigious Location
- Two En-Suites & Balcony
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room & Utility Room

A light and spacious four bedroom detached property situated on an elevated position in the prestigious location of Loughton. The private rear garden is fully enclosed with ample trees, shrubs, lawned and patio areas. Viewing is highly recommended.

£675,000



Downhead Park

- Five Bedroom Detached Property
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Double Garage

An impressive and unusual five bedroom detached residence situated on a corner plot at the end of a cul-de-sac. This property is within walking distance the city park 'Campbell Park'.

£450,000



Kingswear Drive

- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Double Glazing
- Garage & Garden
- Off Road Parking

An exceptional five bedroom detached family home available for sale in this stunning location. Benefits from gas to radiator central heating, double glazing, garage with off road parking for several vehicles and gardens to front and rear.

£434,995



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Oxley Park

- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Four Reception Rooms
- Five Bathrooms
- Double Garage

A stunning five bedroom detached former show home in the ever popular Oxley Park. Set on a private development behind electric gates with views over parkland, this property boasts flexible living space with an ultra modern interior.

£850,000



East Milton Keynes

- Detached Property
- Six Bedrooms
- Three En-Suite Bathrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Detached Double Garage

A gorgeous double fronted family home within walking distance of the beautiful Caldecotte Lake. The kitchen, complete with integrated Neff branded appliances leads into the handy utility room. Boasting a gated entrance and generous block paved driveway.

£650,000



Emerson Valley

- Four Bedrooms
- Cloakroom
- Lounge with Study Area
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Utility Room

A very well presented and spacious four double bedroom detached family home situated in a quiet cul-de-sac in the popular Emerson Valley and within the Shenley Brook End School catchment. Viewing is highly recommended.

£450,000



Westcroft

- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Five Bathrooms
- Garage & Garden

A Charles Church built five bedroom executive residence in the popular area of Westcroft. In brief the property comprises of lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, downstairs cloakroom. On the first floor there are three bedrooms all with en suites and a

£425,000



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EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS



NEW

Awaiting EPC

- Crownhill** **£295,000**
- Detached Property
 - Four Bedrooms
 - Garden
 - Off Road Parking



- Furzton** **£250,000**
- End Terraced Property
 - Three Bedrooms
 - Double Glazing
 - Lounge/Diner
 - Kitchen



Awaiting EPC



SOLD

Awaiting EPC

- Crownhill** **£185,000**
- Mid Terraced Property
 - Two Bedrooms
 - Reception Room
 - Kitchen



SOLD

EPC B

- Grange Farm** **£173,000**
- First Floor Luxury Apartment
 - Two Bedrooms
 - Reception Room
 - Bathroom & En-Suite

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EPC D

- Shenley Church End** **£172,995**
- Semi Detached Property
 - Two Bedrooms
 - Lounge/Diner
 - Kitchen



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EPC C

- Medbourne** **£140,000**
- Upper Floor Apartment
 - Two Bedrooms
 - Open Plan Lounge & Kitchen
 - Allocated Parking



MAKE ME AN OFFER

EPC C

- Westcroft** **£139,950**
- Ground Floor Apartment
 - Two Bedrooms
 - Lounge/Diner & Kitchen
 - Off Road Parking



SOLD

Awaiting EPC

- Oxley Park** **£85,000**
- Two Bedroom Apartment
 - Lounge/Diner/Kitchen
 - Family Bathroom
 - Resident Parking



SOLD

EPC B

- Medbourne** **£70,000**
- Ground Floor Apartment
 - Two Bedrooms
 - Reception Room
 - Bathroom

WANTED

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- Milton Keynes** **£56,000**
- First Floor Apartment
 - One Bedroom
 - Reception Room
 - Bathroom

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EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS



Walton £405,000

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Ample Off Road Parking

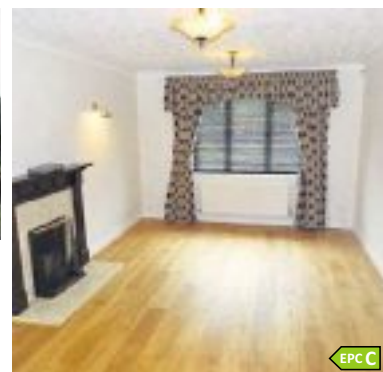


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Wavendon Gate £350,000

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- No Chain



EPC C



Broughton £325,000

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Garden
- Garage

EPC C



Kents Hill £265,000

- Three Bedroom Detached Property
- Kitchen & Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory
- Cul-de-Sac Location

EPC D



Aspley Guise £209,995

- Two Bedroom End Terraced Property
- Off Road Parking
- Rear Courtyard Garden
- Popular Village Location

EPC F



Broughton £169,995

- Upper Floor Apartment
- Two Double Bedrooms
- En-suite
- Off Road Parking

EPC B



Walton Park £90,000

- One Bedroom Apartment
- Ideal for First Time Buyers
- Balcony
- Allocated Parking

EPC E



Broughton £45,000

- Ground Floor Studio Apartment
- Shared Ownership
- No Chain
- Close to Amenities

EPC C

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Broughton £300,000

- End Terraced Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Kitchen & Lounge/Diner
- Bathroom & Separate WC

EPC B



Broughton £249,995

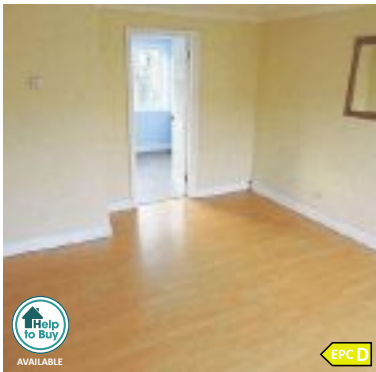
- No Chain
- En-suite to Master Bedroom
- Fitted Kitchen
- Balcony

EPC C



Deanshanger £225,000

- Four Bedroom Semi Detached Property
- Two Reception Rooms
- Off Road Parking
- Front & Rear Gardens
- No Chain



EPC D



Stony Stratford £199,000

- Upper Floor Apartment
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Garage & Off Road Parking
- No Chain



EPC F



Potterspury £195,000

- Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Well Presented
- Modern Kitchen & Shower Room
- No Chain



Awaiting EPC



Queen Anne Street £250,000

- End Terraced Property
- Three Storeys
- Three Bedrooms
- Integrated Kitchen
- Allocated Parking

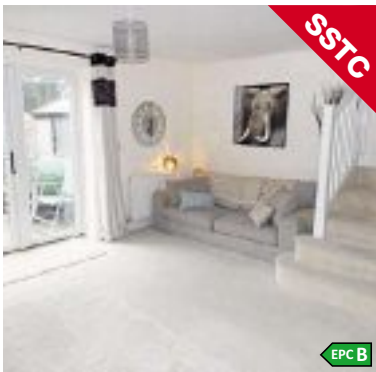


Awaiting EPC



Hanslope £185,000

- Two Bedroom Property
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Family Bathroom
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking



EPC B



Old Stratford £170,000

- Two Bedroom First Floor Apartment
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Parking Space
- Viewing Recommended



EPC B



Galley Hill £125,000

- Ground Floor Apartment
- One/Two Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Private Rear Garden
- Tenants in Situ



EPC D

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EPC D



Bletchley

- Two Bedroom Bungalow
- Two Reception Rooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Fitted Kitchen



- Double Glazing
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Single Garage

£350,000



Bletchley

£240,000

- Extended Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Double Length Garage
- Re-fitted Kitchen



EPC C



Bletchley

£192,500

- Mid Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Reception Room
- Bathroom
- Garden



Awaiting EPC



Bletchley

£150,000

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Reception Room
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Allocated Parking



Awaiting EPC



Bletchley

£125,000

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Communal Gardens



Awaiting EPC



Milton Keynes

£120,000

- One Bedroom Apartment
- Reception Room
- Bathroom
- Close to Centre of Town
- Communal Car Park



EPC C



Bletchley

£274,995

- Detached Bungalow
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Loft & Garden



EPC D



Milton Keynes £335,000

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Cul-de-Sac Location



Awaiting EPC



Giffard Park £280,000

- Recently Renovated Detached Property
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Two/Three Reception Rooms
- Two Bathrooms
- No Chain



EPC G



Newport Pagnell £249,995

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge, Kitchen & Bathroom
- Large Gardens
- Excellent School Catchment Area



EPC D



Newport Pagnell £230,000

- Mid Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Bathroom & Separate WC
- Desirable Location

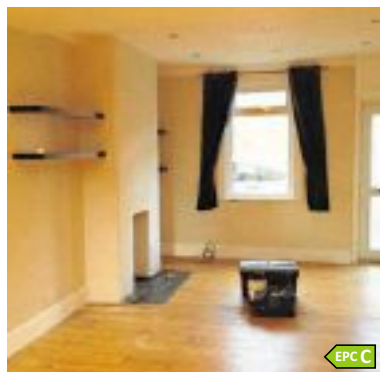


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Newport Pagnell £195,000

- Mid Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen & Lounge/Diner
- 125ft Rear Garden
- Character Features



EPC C



Newport Pagnell £185,000

- Luxury Upper Floor Apartment
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Living Room
- High Street Location
- Very Good Decoration Throughout



Awaiting EPC



Newport Pagnell £175,000

- Mid Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- No Chain



Awaiting EPC



Newport Pagnell £165,000

- Mid Terraced Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Front & Rear Gardens
- No Chain



EPC D

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East Milton Keynes £855,000

This five/six bedroom semi detached property located at Walton Grange is ideally suited for those needing a great school catchment, commute to London, the North or just looking to spoil yourself with the extra space.



Awaiting EPC



East Milton Keynes £650,000

A truly gorgeous Cotswold cream six bedroom family property. This spacious property provides large sitting room with separate dining room, utility and cloakroom.



EPC D



Neath Hill OIEO £395,000

Spacious four bedroom detached executive property situated on Tower Drive in Neath Hill offering good access to Central Milton Keynes. Viewing is highly recommended.



Broughton £350,000

Wilson Peacock are delighted to offer the sale of this five bedroom detached residence in the sought after location of Broughton.



EPC D

Potterspury £170,000

Two bedroom semi detached bungalow in the sought after location of Potterspury. Comprises lounge, conservatory, bathroom, kitchen, garage and off road parking.



Awaiting EPC

Conniburrow £120,000

Well presented one bedroom bungalow situated in the popular city centre. The property in brief comprises entrance hall, bathroom, lounge, fitted kitchen and communal garden.



EPC D



Browns Wood £287,995

Beautiful three bedroom property in the sort after area of Browns Wood. The property is in very good condition and offers a lounge, downstairs cloakroom, Kitchen diner with a breakfast bar and a good size conservatory.



EPC C



Bolbeck Park £264,995

Wilson Peacock is proud to present for sale this beautiful and welcoming home in the sought after location of Bolbeck Park. Thanks to its untraditional layout, the three bedroom property provides a wealth of downstairs living, dining and family space.



EPC D

Wellingborough £110,000

The accommodation comprises entrance hall, re-fitted kitchen, first floor landing, lounge, refitted bathroom, second floor landing, master bedroom, bedroom two and gardens.

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Newport Pagnell

£450,000

Four bedroom detached bungalow situated in the sought after location of Newport Pagnell. The property benefits from electric gates leading into a private enclosure with countryside views, a conservatory and spacious gardens.



Cranfield

£435,000

Spacious five bedroom chalet style property, situated on a generous plot in the village of Cranfield. Comprises lounge, kitchen/diner, shower room, conservatory, master bedroom with en-suite, wrap around garden, block paved driveway and double garage.



Newport Pagnell

£410,000

Four bedroom detached property situated in the sought after location of Green Park. Comprises cloakroom, kitchen, dining room, conservatory, en-suite to master bedroom, family bathroom, front and rear gardens, driveway and garage.



Neath Hill

£350,000

Extended four bedroom family home situated close to central Milton Keynes. The property comprises cloakroom, kitchen/diner, lounge, study, snug room, two en-suites, family bathroom, front and rear gardens and garage.



Four bedroom extended detached family property situated in the sought after Rivers location of Newport Pagnell. Comprises kitchen/diner, cloakroom, conservatory, garage and gardens.



Newport Pagnell

£230,000

This three bedroom semi detached family home has been refurbished by the current owners. Comprises lounge/diner, kitchen, family bathroom, driveway, rear garden and garage.



Three bedroom semi detached property which has been greatly improved by the current owners and boasts new high grade carpets throughout, new combi boiler and re-fitted uPVC windows.



Newport Pagnell

£165,000

Two double bedroom terraced property, situated in the historical market town of Newport Pagnell. Comprises lounge/diner, kitchen, family bathroom and front and rear gardens.

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£95,000



SSTC IN JUST 24 HOURS - SIMILAR REQUIRED

ATTENTION INVESTORS AND FIRST TIME BUYERS. A mid terrace home comprising entrance hall, kitchen/diner, lounge, double bedroom and bathroom whilst outside there is allocated parking and an enclosed rear garden. PRICED TO SELL. EPC rating C.

STANTONBURY

£185,000



SSTC - SIMILAR PROPERTIES REQUIRED

PRICED TO SELL!!! A detached family home overlooking a green area. The accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge/diner, refitted kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom, single garage, parking and gardens to both the front and rear. E P C rating D.

NEWPORT PAGNELL

£200,000



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An EXTENDED semi detached home IN NEED OF REFURBISHMENT. The property has an entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, downstairs bedroom/dining room, three bedrooms, bathroom, parking and gardens. Awaiting EPC.

DOWNES BARN

£110,000



SSTC WITH 24 HOURS

ATTENTION INVESTORS AND FIRST TIME BUYERS. A WELL PRESENTED ground floor flat with entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, double bedroom and bathroom whilst outside there is a rear garden and parking. MUST BE VIEWED! E P C rating C.

STANTONBURY

REDUCED TO £167,500



SSTC - STANTONBURY SEMIS REQUIRED

A semi detached family home in need of some improvement benefiting from double glazing and gas radiator central heating and comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom, garage and gardens. EPC rating C.

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NEW

EPC B

Viewing is a must on this four bedroom town house situated in this very sought after residential area. Monkston Park is located to the edge of the picturesque Ouzel Valley Park with the River Ouzel running through, yet just a short drive to Central Milton Keynes and the Kingston retail area

Monkston Park

£304,950



EPC C

A great five bedroom house situated to the outskirts of the linear park. The property provides excellent family accommodation with two reception rooms, kitchen/breakfast, master suite and a double garage. Nearby are sought after local schools and Howe Park Woods. Ideal location for family living.

Tattenhoe

£435,000



EPC D

This five bedroom detached is a fantastic find. The property is non over looked to the rear and benefits from two en-suite and a family bathroom, much needed for that busy family life. To the front you will have no problem with parking as the driveway provides parking for approximately six vehicles. Set with in a cul-de-sac location and is ideal for the commuter, as Milton Keynes mainline train station is nearby. Also it gives great access to the driving Milton Keynes City Centre.

Oldbrook

£339,995



NEW

EPC D

- Three Bedroom Semi
- Excellent Condition
- Prime Location
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Garage
- Southerly Facing Garden

Tattenhoe

£260,000



EPC D

- Four Bedroom Link Detached
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Garage
- Gardens
- No Above Chain

Bradville

£265,000



EPC B

- Ground Floor Apartment
- Gated Complex
- Secure Entry
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Two Good Size Bedrooms
- Communal Garden
- No Above Chain

Netherfield

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EPC B

- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Study/Bedroom Four
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge With Juliet Balcony
- Master Bedroom With En-Suite
- Two Further Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden

Oxley Park

£275,000



NEW

EPC D

- No Above Chain
- End Of Terrace
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Four Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Integral Garage
- Southerly Facing Rear Garden

Bletchley

£224,995



EPC D

- Two Reception Rooms
- Cloakroom
- Kitchen
- Five Bedrooms
- Bathroom & Two En-Suites
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Park
- No Above Chain

Bradwell

£259,995



EPC D

- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bedroom Four/Study
- Lounge
- Bathroom
- Bedroom Two With Balcony
- Rear Garden
- No Above Chain

Oldbrook

£210,000



EPC D

- Three Bedroom Terraced
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Double Glazed
- Well Presented

Greenleys

£150,000



EPC C

- Mid Terrace
- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Driveway
- No Above Chain

Oldbrook

£174,995



EPC C

- Detached
- Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Shower Room
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Front Garden

Fishermead

£210,000



NEW

- Repainted Throughout
- Second Floor Apartment
- Secure Entry
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- FEES APPLY

Campbell Park

pcm £800



NEW

- Two Bedroom Mid Terrace
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Allocated Parking For Two Vehicles
- FEES APPLY

Furzon

pcm £850



NEW

- Repainted Throughout
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Open Plan Living Area
- Kitchen with Appliances
- Internal Viewings Recommended
- FEES APPLY

Fenny Stratford

pcm £875



NEW

- Close to Town Centre
- Third Floor Apartment
- Open Plan Living Area
- One Bedroom
- Secure Entrance
- Secure Parking
- Immaculate Presentation
- FEES APPLY

The HUB

pcm £975



NEW

- Four Bedroom Detached
- En-suite to Master
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Kitchen/Diner
- Utility Room
- Garage & Gardens
- Near To Train Station
- FEES APPLY

Oldbrook

pcm £1,250

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Interview Date: TBC

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Vacancy I.D: 102459

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Interview date: Week Commencing 2nd March 2015

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HART HILL NURSERY SCHOOL

Whitecroft Road, Luton LU2 0J5

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Closing date: Monday 9th February 2015

Interview date: Wednesday 25th March 2015

ICKNIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Birdsfoot Lane, Luton LU3 2JB

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Interview date: Week Commencing 23rd February 2015

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Interview date: Week Commencing 12th February 2015

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This is an ideal opportunity for a well-organised individual who works well under pressure, has attention to detail and adheres to procedures. Must be able to work independently yet organise, lead and train a group of exam invigilators.

A copy of the job description and an application form is available to download from the School's website.

Completed applications should be sent to
Sarah Lapidge, Bedford School, De Parys Avenue,
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01234 362214 slapidge@bedfordschool.org.uk

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Closing Date
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Interview Date
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For informal enquiries please contact Denise Phillips at Playzone Day Nursery on 01908 394996, Bridget Shaw at Kingston Day Nursery on 01908 281212 or Kelly Smith at The Rowans Day Nursery on 01908 563269.

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Ref: 59001939

You will be the central point of contact for a Phase 2 European Social Fund project supporting young people into training and employment, including maintaining monitoring systems and completing returns. Aware of barriers to learning, you will bring accurate administration skills, a flair for IT and the ability to prioritise your work to meet deadlines.

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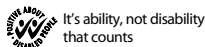
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Closing Date
Noon on 12th
February 2015
Interview Date
26th February 2015

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Closing date: Friday 13th February 2015

Interview date: Tuesday 3rd March 2015

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SPONNE SCHOOL, TOWCESTER



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We currently have the following support staff vacancies with immediate effect

Examinations Manager

37 hours per week, 43 weeks per year

Salary - Grade H, Pts 23-27 £19,657 to £22,346 pro rata (£20,846 to £23,698 FTE)

We are seeking an experienced, well organised and highly motivated Examinations Manager who will be responsible for the entries and smooth running of public and internal examinations.

Duties will include co-ordinating the team of exam invigilators and data related duties, therefore the successful candidate will possess good ICT skills, be proficient in the use of excel and data and demonstrate good attention to detail. Previous experience of working in an educational environment would be an advantage.

Closing Date for applications: Friday 20th February 2015

Successful candidates will be notified on Monday 23rd February 2015

Interviews will be held on Thursday 26th February 2015

LEARNING RESOURCE ASSISTANT

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Closing Date for applications: Monday 23rd February 2015

Interviews will be held w/c 2nd March 2015

The Governors of Sponne School are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All information relevant to these posts and an application form can be found on our website www.sponne.org.uk. Alternatively, please contact the Head's PA,

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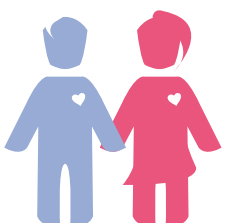
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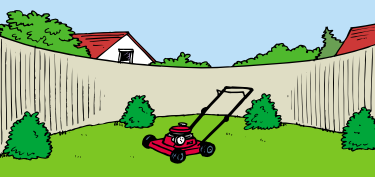
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Full details of the application can be viewed via The Licensing Register at the Civic Offices of the Council. This is accessible Mondays to Thursday between the hours of 9am to 5pm, and Fridays 9am to 4pm (excluding bank holidays) or online at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/licensingregister

Any person or responsible authority wishing to make representations either against or in support of the application must do so in writing by the following date: 23rd February 2015

To the following address: LICENSING TEAM

COMMUNITY WELLBEING DIRECTORATE
MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL, CIVIC OFFICES
1 SAXON GATE EAST, MILTON KEYNES, MK9 3EJ
01908 252800 Email: licensing@ilton-keynes.gov.uk

Representations received in response to this application will ordinarily be made available for public inspection, including disclosure to the applicant and any relevant responsible authorities unless agreed otherwise. Representations must relate to one or more of the licensing objectives (namely crime and disorder, public nuisance, public safety, or protection of children from harm.) It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine of £5,000 is liable on summary conviction for the offence.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (ADELPHI STREET, CAMPBELL PARK) (ON-STREET RESIDENTS PERMIT PARKING AREA) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 3rd February 2015 made an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which will affect all classes of vehicle and will have the following effects:-

- The introduction of a residents permit parking area on Adelphi Street, Campbell Park, from its junction with Silbury Boulevard to a point in line with the north-eastern boundary line of number 69 Adelphi Street (and all roads included).

Residents that will be eligible to apply for a resident's permit and visitor's permit will be those residing in all properties within Adelphi Street.

All motor vehicles are affected by the proposed Residents Permit Parking Area Order except for motorcycles and mopeds.

Exemptions from the Order include: emergency service vehicles, statutory undertakers, some loading and unloading, building, demolition and excavation, and some others.

This Order will come into effect from 5th February 2015.

Copies of the Order as made together with a map showing the area referred to may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Please quote reference PH-S1-TRO-105

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in the Order on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any instrument made under the Act has not been complied with may, within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, apply to the High Court for that purpose

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS WITHIN OR ADJACENT TO CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES, EAGLESTONE, FISHERMEAD, PEARTREE BRIDGE, BROUGHTON, MONKSTON, MONKSTON PARK AND LEADENHALL) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes, intends to make an order under Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, for the purpose of facilitating the holding of a relevant event, namely the annual Milton Keynes Half Marathon and Festival of Running, being promoted by Dr Mick Bromilow, Chair of the Milton Keynes Athletics Club. The effect of the Order will be to temporarily prohibit vehicular access along and pedestrian access across parts of some roads within Central Milton Keynes, Eaglestone, Peartree Bridge, Broughton, Monkston and Monkston Park, Milton Keynes; to temporarily prohibit access to car parking areas and some portes cocheres along Avebury Boulevard, and prohibit right turns onto Avebury Boulevard, H6 Childs Way, H7 Chaffron Way and Fulwoods Drive, Leadenhall whilst the half marathon and 5K and 10K runs take place.

It is anticipated that the following temporary restrictions will be in effect on Sunday 8th March 2015 from 8.00 am until 2.30 pm:-

RESTRICTIONS FOR THE 5K AND 10 K RUNS:-

LENGTHS OF ROAD TO BE CLOSED (and times of closure):

- Avebury Boulevard (westbound carriageway only) - From the access road at between Marlborough Gate and Lower Twelfth Street to its junction with Saxon Gate (from 8am to 10.45am);
- Marlborough Gate - From its junction with Bankfield Roundabout to its junction with Xscape Car Park (from 8am to 2pm);
- Saxon Gate (southbound carriageway only) - From its junction with Midsummer Boulevard to its junction with South Saxon Roundabout (from 9.45am to 10.45am);
- V7 Saxon Street (southbound carriageway only) - From its junction with H6 Childs Way to its junction with Lloyds, Coffee Hall (from 9.45am to 10.45am);
- The Spur Road, Eaglestone - between V7 Saxon Street and its junction with Harrier Drive and Golden Drive (from 9.45am to 11am);
- Golden Drive, Eaglestone - From its junction with the Spur Road to Kite Hill Redway (from 9.45am to 11am);
- H6 Childs Way - From its junction with South Saxon Roundabout to its junction with South Secklow Roundabout (from 9.45am to 10.45am);
- H7 Chaffron Way - From its junction with Eaglestone Roundabout to its junction with Harrier Drive, Eaglestone (from 9.45am to 10.45am);
- Waterside, Peartree Bridge - Adjacent to the Youth Centre at its junction with V8 Marlborough Street (from 10.15am to 11.15am).

The above roads will re-open once the runners have passed through.

Whilst the above lengths of road are closed the alternative routes will be as follows:-

- **WESTBOUND:** (From H7 Chaffron Way at its junction with V8 Marlborough Street) via V8 Marlborough Street, H8 Standing Way and V6 Grafton Street;
- **WESTBOUND:** (From H6 Childs Way at its junction with V8 Marlborough Street) via V8 Marlborough Street, H5 Portway and Grafton Gate;
- **EASTBOUND:** (From H6 Childs Way at its junction with V6 Grafton Street) via V6 Grafton Street, H8 Standing Way and V8 Marlborough Street;
- **EASTBOUND:** (From H7 Chaffron Way at its junction with V6 Grafton Street) via V6 Grafton Street, H8 Standing Way and V8 Marlborough Street;
- **SOUTHBOUND:** (From Saxon Gate at its junction with Avebury Boulevard) via Avebury Boulevard, Grafton Gate, V6 Grafton Street and H8 Standing Way;
- **SOUTHBOUND:** (From Secklow Gate at its junction with Silbury Boulevard) via Silbury Boulevard, Grafton Gate, V6 Grafton Street and H8 Standing Way.

STANDARD RATE PAY AND DISPLAY PARKING BAYS TO BE SUSPENDED:-

- Avebury Boulevard, south-east side (the south-east vehicular accessway - both sides) - Between Marlborough Gate and the access road (between Bankfield Roundabout and Lower Twelfth Street).

PORTE COCHERES TO BE CLOSED:-

- Avebury Boulevard - All those porte cocheres situated between Marlborough Gate and Saxon Gate (both sides).

PROHIBITION OF RIGHT TURNS:-

- Avebury Boulevard, CMK (eastbound) at its junction with Saxon Gate - turning southbound onto Saxon Gate;
- Secklow Gate, CMK at its junction with Avebury Boulevard;
- H6 Childs Way (eastbound) at its junction with V7 Saxon Street - turning southbound onto V7 Saxon Street;
- H7 Chaffron Way (eastbound) at its junction with V7 Saxon Street - turning southbound onto V7 Saxon Street;
- Fulwoods Drive, Leadenhall - At its junction with V7 Saxon Street - turning southbound onto V7 Saxon Street.

RESTRICTIONS FOR THE HALF MARATHON (SECOND LOOP):-

LENGTHS OF ROAD TO BE CLOSED (and times of closure):

- Flaxley Gate, Monkston - From its junction with H7 Chaffron Way to its junction with Blanchard Circle, Monkston (from 11am to 1pm);
- Whilst Flaxley Gate is closed the alternative route will be H7 Chaffron Way, V11 Tongwell Street, Lindisfarne Drive and Blanchard Circle (the reverse route applies).
- Colindale Street, Monkston Park - From its junction with H7 Chaffron Way to its junction with Rayners Lane, Monkston Park (from 11am to 1pm);
- Whilst Colindale Street is closed the alternative route will be H7 Chaffron Way, V10 Brickhill Street, Plaistow Crescent, Queensbury Lane and Rayners Lane (The reverse route applies).

The following roads will only be closed whilst the race contestants pass through and will be controlled by marshals at all times:-

- Tanfield Lane, Broughton - From its junction with Kingswear Drive to its junction with Bevdley Grove (from 11am to 1pm);
- Milton Road, Broughton - At its junction with the redway adjacent to Broughton Brook (from 11am to 1pm);
- Swanwick Lane, Broughton - At its junction with Kidderminster Walk (from 11am to 1pm).

There shall be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order other than for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles.

The road closures and alternative routes will be signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs manual. All local diversions will be indicated by traffic signs.

Pedestrian access to premises and properties shall be maintained throughout the restrictions.

The proposed order will come into operation on Sunday 8th March 2015 at 8.00 am and will continue in force for a maximum period of 3 days or until the completion of the event whichever shall be the sooner. It is expected that the event will continue for one day only.

A copy of the proposed order, a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing it and a map indicating its location and effect may be inspected at Central Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard and during normal opening hours and at the offices of Milton Keynes Council, at the address below, during normal office hours, quoting reference number PH-S16A-TTRO-533.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The road closures and alternative routes can be viewed at www.roadworks.org.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES) (FEATHERSTONE ROAD (PARTS) WOLVERTON MILL) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 2014) VARIATION ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 3rd February 2015 made an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which will affect all classes of vehicle and will have the following effect in Wolverton Mill, Milton Keynes:-

- The introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions along both sides of the carriageway along lengths of Featherstone Road, Blackhill Drive and Fitzhamon Court;
- The introduction of no waiting between 7.00am and 6.00pm, Monday to Friday along part of the south side of Featherstone Road.

Exemptions from the Order include emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

This Order will come into effect from 5th March 2015

Copies of the Order, and a Statement of Reasons for proposing the Order may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, and Wolverton Library, Town Hall, Creed Street, Wolverton and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Please quote reference PH-S1-TRO-110.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in the Order on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any instrument made under the Act has not been complied with may, within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, apply to the High Court for that purpose.

04 February 2015
Rachael Kingsley
Head of Highways

Milton Keynes Council

Proposed change in age range at Jubilee Wood Primary School

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Milton Keynes Council, Saxon Court, 502 Avebury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3HS intends to make a prescribed alteration to Jubilee Wood Primary School (Community school), 1 Fishermead Boulevard, Fishermead, Milton Keynes, MK6 2LB from 01 September 2016.

Milton Keynes Council intends to change the lower age range of the school. The proposed change will make provision for a 100 place nursery class (operating up to 50 places twice a day) for children aged 2, 3 and 4. An existing building within the school will be refurbished to accommodate the additional pupils from 2016 onwards.

This proposal intends to make no change to the capacity of the school or to the admission number for children attending from Reception Year to Year 6.

This Notice is an extract of the complete proposal; a copy can be obtained from: Susie Morrissey, Programme Lead, Setting and School Sufficiency and Access Milton Keynes Council, Saxon Court, 502 Avebury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes MK9 3HS

Tel: 01908 254643 Email: Sufficiency&Access@mkilton-keynes.gov.uk
Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may support; object or make comments by submitting an online form at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/consultations, or by emailing Sufficiency&Access@mkilton-keynes.gov.uk, or in writing to the above address.

Signed: Michael Bracey, Corporate Director - People

Date: 04 February 2015

Milton Keynes Council

Proposed change in age range at The Willows School and Early Years Centre
Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Milton Keynes Council, Saxon Court, 502 Avebury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3HS intends to make a prescribed alteration to The Willows School and Early Years Centre (Community school), Fishermead Boulevard, Fishermead, Milton Keynes, MK6 2LP from 01 September 2016.

Milton Keynes Council intends to change the lower age range of the school. The proposed change will make provision for an 8 place nursery class for children from the age of 2.

This proposal intends to make no change to the capacity of the school or the admission number for children attending from Reception Year 2 or for the existing nursery class which admits 39 children (operating 2 sessions) aged 3 and 4 years old.

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Signed: Michael Bracey, Corporate Director - People

Date: 04 February 2015

Milton Keynes Council

Proposed change in age range at Oldbrook First School

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Milton Keynes Council, Saxon Court, 502 Avebury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3HS intends to make a prescribed alteration to Oldbrook First School (Community school), Illingworth Place, Oldbrook, Milton Keynes, MK6 2NH from 01 September 2016.

Milton Keynes Council intends to change the lower age range of the school. The proposed change will make provision for a 60 place nursery class (operating 2 sessions) for children from the age of 2, 3 and 4. An extension will be built to accommodate the additional pupils from 2016 onwards.

This proposal intends to make no change to the net capacity of the school (180) or to the admission number for children attending from Reception Year to Year 2 (60 children per year group).

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Signed: Michael Bracey, Corporate Director - People

Date: 04 February 2015

Milton Keynes Council

Proposed change in age range at Romans Field School and removal of residential provision

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Milton Keynes Council, Saxon Court, 502 Avebury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3HS intends to make a prescribed alteration to Romans Field School (Community special school), Shenley Road, Blechley, Milton Keynes, MK3 7AW from 01 September 2015.

Milton Keynes Council intends to change the age range of the school. The proposed change will make new provision for Years 1 and 2 (children aged 5-7) and remove provision for Years 7 and 8 (children aged 11-13). The proposed change will also remove residential provision.

The current capacity for the school is 50 and there will be no change to the capacity of the school.

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Date: 04 February 2015

Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning and Transport Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73	WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA
15/00080/TCA	Notification of intention to reduce height of 5 x Hornbeam trees by 20-33% at Home Farm, Broughton Road, Milton Keynes Village.
15/00086/FUL	Detached single storey office building to be used for doctors' surgery at Cobbs Garden Surgery, Cobbs Garden, Olney.
15/00106/NMA	No material amendment to application 13/01117/FUL to amend layout to parking area zone A at Greens Field, Russell Street, Woburn Sands.
15/00112/TCA	Notification of intention to fell three Italian Cypress trees (ID6, ID7 and ID8) at St Pauls Court, Stony Stratford.
15/00134/TCA	Notification of intention to reduce and reshape crown by 1/3rd and crown clean 1 x Cherry tree (T1); reduce height of 1 x Elderberry tree (T2) to height of wall (1m); reduce height of Laurel hedge to height of garden wall (1m) and depth back 0.3m from path at 17 Walton Road, Milton Keynes Village.
15/00152/TCA	Notification of intention to remove 1 x Sycamore tree and Snowberry hedge at Fen Cottage, London Road, Broughton.
SECTION 67	LISTED BUILDING
15/00035/LBC	Listed building consent for internal alterations to restaurant at 59 Aylesbury Street, Blechley.
15/00142/FUL	Installation of fence (retrospective) at Kiln Farm Club, Keller Close, Kiln Farm.
15/00143/LBC	Listed building consent for installation of fence (retrospective) at Kiln Farm Club, Keller Close, Kiln Farm.
SECTION 67 & 73	LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA
14/02071/FUL	Erection of cast-stone portico to rear entrance and 4 replacement windows at 30 Shenley Road, Shenley Church, End.
14/02072/LBC	Listed building consent for erection of cast-stone portico to rear entrance and 4 replacement windows at 30 Shenley Road, Shenley Church, End.

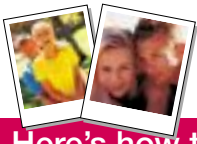
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED) TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010 NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 MAJOR

15/00032/FUL	Erection of a grain store for the conditioning and storage of grain/produce at Quarry Hall Farm, Road To Quarry Hall Farm Off B526, Lathbury.
15/00049/FUL	Variation of conditions 6 (secured by design) and 7 (secured by design windows and doors) attached to application 12/02175/MKCOD3 at Material Recycling Facility, Colts Holm Road, Old Wolverton.
15/00051/MMAM	Minor material amendment to planning permission 14/01890/MMAM to amend the approved materials plan at Land at Brooklands, Newport Road, Broughton.
15/00108/FUL	Ground mounted solar park with a rated output of approx. 750KW at Land Adjacent to Lodge Farm House, Wolverton Road, Castlethorpe.
15/00158/MKCOD3	Construction of 630 place (3 form entry) primary school and 39 place nursery with associated car parking, hard and soft play areas, sport pitches, accesses and other external works at Newton Leys Primary School, San Andres Drive, Newton Leys.

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TERESA 39, petite, cuddly and bubbly seeks kind older male to travel, have fun, and take care of, pamper and flirt with. Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 416081

20 year old female, full time worker looking for older man aged 23-30 for long-term relationship. Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4574178

LUCY stunning tall brunette, looking for exciting times, seeks likeminded, adventurous male who is willing to try anything once or maybe even twice! Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 416079

SOPHIA young 40yrs, married but bored, seeks discreet adult fun, any area, all calls answered. Tel No: 0905 002 1883 Box No: 413399

PETITE blonde, blue eyes, very feminine and sensual seeks younger male for friendship and discreet fun. Can accommodate. Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 416077

ADVENTUROUS sexy lady, 38yrs, married but seeks no strings fun with discreet man, any age. I'm tall, slim and dominant. Aca. Tel No: 0905 002 1937 Box No: 415301

SARAH 29yr old pretty slim single mum of one, interesting, lively, good fun, enjoys nights in/out, music, seeking similar easy going, genuine, honest man/dad to get to know. Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 415841

ANNE 44, cheerful busty curvy affectionate real woman! Seeks gent, any age or looks for nights at mine. Tel No: 0905 002 1953 Box No: 410291

ANGIE attractive nurse 39yrs, new to area/advertising, likes dog walking, being sociable, meals in/out, WLTm honest, fun male for possible ltr. looks unimpaired. Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 415827

DISCREET lady, 42yrs wants to make you happy, come to and let me do that for you. Aca. Tel No: 0905 002 1957 Box No: 409901

LISA attractive petite Filipino female, very lovely, wanting to find love, companionship and to be happy, looking for friendship and more. Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 415549

ALISON 27, busty, shapely lady seeks fun only with broad minded man. Aca. Tel No: 0905 002 1961 Box No: 416073

INTELLIGENT funny guy without a huge ego required for damaged heart. Casey 39, size 10, curves in all the right places, pretty, kind, loving, genuine, romantic and available. Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 415509

JANET, 36yrs Scottish lady, too shy to go out but loves to chat from home. Will answer all texts. Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4627442

JENNY voluptuous blonde tanned well presented female, enjoys being and giving pampering, cooking, cosy nights, looking for some broadminded excitement. Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 415399

MELANIE, sophisticated solvent brunette with working man of any age, im 32yrs. Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4627443

JACKIE very pretty leggy well-mannered/educated 28yr old female, loves nights in/out, sports, WLTm sincere male up to 35yrs for friendship, hopefully ltr. Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 415377

SLIM brunette 36yrs hoping to meet older gent for friendship, fun, maybe more. Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4624146

LINDY, new to area, hoping to meet kind many of any age, looks unimportant. Im 43yrs blonde and petite. Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4627444

JOYCE 39, attractive GSOH, loves nights out, honest, loyal, fun to be with, looking for mature male for adult companionship, meals out and hopefully more. Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 415561

PAMELA, married to boring man! Text only for fun phone frolics. Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4624149

NICOLETTE 32, petite professional attractive black female looking for similar hardworking white male who like me loves life and is serious about finding a LTR. Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 415545

PAT blonde blue eyed curvy, cuddly female, attractive, likes swimming, gardening, holidays, my job/home, looking for happiness with quiet content grounded male. Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 415533

JULIA, seeks fifty shades of grey! You should be strong minded and seeking fun. Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4627445

MANDY 35, petite attractive slim female with very GSOH, likes to keep fit, meals in/out, WLTm genuine child friendly guy/dad for fun times together. Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 415513

SUSIE bubbly blonde looking for fun. Age/looks unimportant but must have a sense of adventure. Can travel and accommodate. Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4624145

ELAINE 30, fit, sexy, curvy black lady, very feminine, loves winning, dining, nights in, seeks solvent white 40's male who is passionate, loving and caring. Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 414711

CAROL giggly blonde lovely loyal, not desperate for a man just tired of not finding a decent one so though I wld try this, pls call. Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 413579

JANE 48yr old young looking professional female, tall, green eyes, attractive, size 12-14, enjoys walking, keeping active, nights in/out, good wine/conversation, seeking soul mate. Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 414729

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DONNA 36yrs un-moist but very attractive, nice eyes, good figure, GSOH, OHAC, great job, sick of never meeting Mr Right, looking for someone special. Genuine male please. Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 415187

PHILLIPA 22yrs just left boarding school, hoping to meet experienced working class man for real life fun. Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4624147

ALISON 27yr old very bored broadminded female with plenty of free time on her hands looking for some adult fun times. Call me, I won't disappoint. Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 415177

DEE lonely divorced female, slim, bubbly, attractive redhead, loves cuddles, looking for a man who can restore my faith in love and make me laugh. Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 414961

PAMMY 42yrs, recently divorced and fancies becoming a "cougar". Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4624148

JACKIE extremely sensual lady but for your eyes only! likes horses, keeping fit, gardening looking for genuine love interest and companionship. Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 414721

TERI separated single lady, blonde, blue eyes, slim, WLTm compatible male for genuine friendship, meals out, weekends away, nights out and more. Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 414361

EMMA slim 5ft 8ins, single employed female with OHAC, enjoys many interests, gym, music, easy-going, genuine, supportive, seeking similar male for a chat, maybe a date. Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 414957

JEAN slim blonde divorcee bubbly affectionate, romantic with lots of love to give, looking for man who knows how to look after a lady for meals in/out, friendship/ltr. Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 414699

DEBBIE brown eyed attractive social female, romantic, good listener, loves children, looking for similar nice male/dad to get to know, hopefully leading to more. Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 414383

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LEADING FROM THE FRONT?

BMW always said it wouldn't go front-wheel drive but it's caved in with the 2 Series Active Tourer. It also marks a first foray into the compact MPV market and goes head to head with the Mercedes B-Class. Certain things are traditional BMW. A lot of money's been spent on engines and chassis development.

The 2 Series Active Tourer launches with a choice of three transversely-mounted engines developed from the same modular source. Even the entry level petrol engine has a bit of zip to it, the 136PS 1.5-litre three-cylinder 218i getting to 62mph in less than 10 seconds. Step up to the 2.0-litre four-cylinder turbo engine in the 225i and you're looking at a 231PS unit that's got some real punch. Give this one the full beans and 62mph will vanish in just 6.8 seconds. Maybe the 2 Series badge wasn't such an aberration. Should you prefer something a bit more sedate, try the 150 PS 2.0-litre diesel in the 218d.

Just because this vehicle drives the front wheels doesn't mean that BMW has decided to go on a manic cost-cutting frenzy. Where you might expect to find a compact torsion beam rear suspension, BMW has instead fitted a much more complex and expensive multi-link rear end. It's almost as if the Bavarians are overcompensating for something. The 2 Series Active Tourer also benefits from a chassis where weight has been taken out where possible with the use of ultra-high strength steels in key stress points. The result is that the kerb weight of the 218i is a mere 1,320kg. That's only two kilos more than a 1.4-litre Vauxhall Meriva. A six-speed manual comes as standard, but there are six-speed and eight-speed automatics on offer.

This is a compact MPV and as such, it's fairly inevitable that the basic shape is going to be somewhat generic. Cover the badges and grille and most would probably identify this as a Mercedes. The details are nicely executed, but this remains one of the more conservative designs. Compared to something like a Citroën C4 Picasso, this one's very toned down. Some of the most fascinating aspects of this car's execution aren't immediately obvious. The three-cylinder 1.5-litre petrol engine also sees service in vehicles as diverse as the BMW i8 hybrid supercar and the MINI. Ignore the 2 Series name for a bit as this car doesn't share its underpinnings with the 2 Series Coupe. Instead, it runs on a lengthened version of the MINI chassis with the wheelbase extended to 2,670mm.

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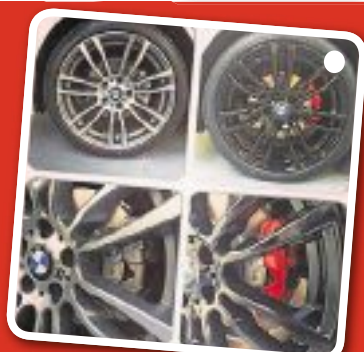


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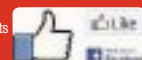
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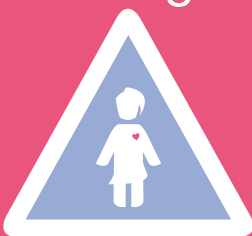
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MK DONS

Four score: Carl Baker slams in MK Dons' fourth goal against Crewe Alexandra



Baker buzzing after getting real taste for life at the top

MK DONS midfielder Carl Baker says he is delighted that the side went top of the table after smashing Crewe Alexandra 5-0 – a joy undiminished by Bristol City reclaiming the spot after a victory on Sunday.

Rather than underplay Dons' brief spell at the summit of League One in January, Baker couldn't contain his delight at seeing the men from MK1 top of the table.

"I'm absolutely buzzing so I'm going to enjoy it," said Baker.

"Everybody wants to be top of the league and if they say they don't they're lying.

"It's a great feeling and hopefully the fans will be feeling the same."

Baker operated in the number 10 role against Crewe, adding a goal to the scoresheet, and he said he enjoyed playing in the position.

Not only did he enjoy it, his versatility means the opposition never knows where he's going to play and Baker reckons that gives him a clear advantage.

"I do enjoy it at number 10 and it's a role I've played quite a few times before," said the former Coventry City captain.

"I know it's a cliché, but I am happy to be on the pitch and the

gaffer is keeping me on my toes not knowing where I'm going to play until the night before!

"It must be difficult for opposition teams because I'm sure they would assume I was on the left and Devante Cole up front and obviously when we've lined up it must have been difficult because you don't know where players are going to be playing.

"I did really enjoy it in there at number 10, so it was a nice change and I'm glad to have got my goal."

The win sets up a mouth-watering clash on Saturday between Dons and Bristol City, who

returned to the summit of League One after beating Fleetwood Town. And Baker says he cannot wait to tackle the Ashton Gate side.

"It's going to be a huge game and I'm really looking forward to it.

"I've seen them play a couple of times this season and been really impressed. But I've also been impressed with ourselves as well, so it's going to be a really good battle and it'll be interesting to see who comes out with the win.

"We can go into the game full of confidence and hopefully that Crewe win will put a bit of fear into them."

MK Dons

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IT'S a big game on Saturday against a big team in Bristol City, who have got some good players.

They've got some good individuals in every position and they've got a good bench as well – so they're similar to us in that they've got a good squad and it'll be a tight game.

We've got some talented players as well though and we're both strong up front, so it'll be a tough game but I'm sure we'll do well.

It's Bradford City on Monday night as well and I think that will also be a testing game.

They're an excellent team and they'll be strong at home, but we're preparing for the game right, we're staying away so we'll have a couple of days up north just to get the lads rested and ready for the match. It's on TV, which will add extra spice as well.

It was snowing yesterday morning but that didn't really affect us – we were in the dome anyway.

I think Keith's a great addition to the squad staff-wise and player-wise and I think he wants to go on and be a coach.

I think Dele could have been picked from any club he wanted, to be honest, but Spurs are lucky enough to get him.

He's a great player and a great lad and he'll do really well there.

It won't be too long before we see him play for England, but he's got to get us up from League One before he can concentrate on Spurs!

I'm delighted for Dele and maybe if he wasn't such a nice lad you could be a bit jealous of him!

You just want the best for him and he deserves everything he's got.

FIXTURES

SAT: BRISTOL CITY (H) L1

MON: BRADFORD (A) L1

FEB 17: GILLINGHAM (A) L1

FEB 14: COLCHESTER (A) L1

FEB 21: PETERBOROUGH (H) L1

FEB 28: COVENTRY (A) L1

MARCH 3: CHESTERFIELD (H) L1

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

Team	Home					Away					GD	PTS
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A		
1 Bristol City	26	10	2	1	25 9	7	4	2	25	13	28	57
2 MK Dons	27	10	2	2	36 12	6	5	2	23 13	34	55	
3 Swindon	27	8	3	2	24 13	8	3	2	28 14	25	54	
4 Preston	27	6	6	1	23 15	3	2	5	18 13	13	47	
5 Chesterfield	27	7	4	3	24 16	3	5	5	17 20	5	39	
6 Sheffield Utd	25	6	4	3	16 11	5	2	5	16 17	4	39	
7 Rochdale	26	4	3	6	17 17	7	2	4	30 18	12	38	
8 Bradford	26	4	4	6	17 19	6	3	3	16 11	3	37	
9 Oldham	26	6	4	3	21 18	3	6	4	17 20	0	37	
10 Peterborough	27	5	3	6	15 18	6	1	6	19 16	0	37	
11 Fleetwood	28	5	6	3	15 14	5	1	8	14 1	-1	37	
12 Doncaster	26	3	4	5	9 13	6	5	3	19 18	-3	36	
13 Notts County	27	4	2	7	15 19	5	6	3	15 15	-4	35	
14 Port Vale	28	7	2	5	20 18	3	3	8	14 22	-6	35	
15 Walsall	27	4	5	5	15 17	4	5	4	12 12	-2	34	
16 Scunthorpe	25	4	2	6	12 19	5	4	4	25 22	-4	33	
17 Barnsley	26	2	5	25	22	3	3	7	11 17	-3	32	
18 Gillingham	28	6	4	4	23 21	2	4	8	13 23	-8	32	
19 Coventry	28	4	6	4	15 19	3	4	7	14 20	-10	31	
20 Crewe	27	5	3	6	14 24	3	2	8	11 25	-24	29	
21 Colchester	27	3	2	8	14 22	4	5	5	18 21	-11	28	
22 Crawley	28	5	5	4	16 20	1	4	9	10 27	-21	27	
23 Leyton Orient	27	5	3	8	16 22	4	5	5	19 21	-8	26	
24 Yeovil	28	2	5	7	6 19	4	2	8	15 21	-19	25	

Positions as of 6pm, Tuesday, February 3

Crunch clash as Dons take on league leaders



Grigg's gig: Will Grigg is expected to make his return

THE 442nd Dons fan who goes through the turnstile at stadiummk on Saturday will in turn become the 2,000,000th fan to walk through the doors for a home league game.

That total includes games that took place at the National Hockey Stadium before stadiummk was built. The person who becomes the 2,000,000th fan will receive a 'special prize' from the club.

It couldn't be a bigger game for the occasion, which sees top of the table Bristol City visit second-placed Dons to see who will reach the summit of

League One, with Dons two points behind City.

Dons manager Karl Robinson is impressed that his side are even competing at the top of the table and he won't be getting too carried away, whatever the outcome.

"We're only in the first weekend in February and everyone's talking about it being first versus second.

"We've come so far so quickly and for us to even be competitive with these teams is incredible.

"Saturday is going to be a big one, but no bigger than what Crewe was last weekend.

"There is a tremendous focus among the group.

"We've got two big ones coming up in Bristol City and Bradford and we're looking forward to it.

"We know how hard Saturday is going to be.

"They're going to have to be at their best to beat us, because no team will come here and get an easy win."

Will Grigg is expected to return from injury after missing the game at the weekend, while Ben Reeves is also pushing for a recall after his injury.

Keith Andrews and Dele Alli will also be available for selection.

DARTS

Deadly Dutchman looks sharp in winning crown

BY SCOTT KIRK

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IN FRONT of a sell-out crowd in an all-Dutch final, the number one seed Michael van Gerwen was in scintillating form as he added yet another crown to his haul at the ArenaMK.

Both players began the Unibet Masters clash by breaking each other's throw, and with the score at 3-3, the final looked like it was going to be a close one.

But van Gerwen came up with a colossal 161 finish to take the ninth leg, and he kept his throw to move 6-4 ahead.

He broke Raymond van Barneveld again to move 7-4 ahead, and kept his throw to open up a four-leg advantage.

Then the 180s began to flow for MVG as he looked to break away from van Barneveld, who just about kept himself in the tie at 9-6.

Van Gerwen had been threatening to get a nine-darter, and in the 16th leg he was just a double 12 and one dart away from completing the amazing feat.

It nevertheless meant that, with 14 180s in the bag, he had broken the tournament record of the number of 180s in a match, and took a 10-6 lead.

And van Gerwen broke his countryman straight after that to cap

an 11-6 with a 112.49 average.

MVG said that he found the Milton Keynes crowd 'amazing' over the weekend.

The 25-year-old number one seed said that it was a pleasure bringing darts to an area that has never seen the sport before.

"It's been amazing and it's been so loud for the last two days," van Gerwen told MK NEWS.

"You can see how big darts is here, and it's the first time we've played around this area.

"I'm really happy with my performance because it was a long day (playing three matches) but I played so well today and that makes me feel good."

Van Gerwen said that he would go on to defend his title next year – wherever that was, including Milton Keynes, but he was keen to enjoy his title for now.

"It depends on the PDC, but I will be there to defend my title.

"It was a lovely tournament and if you want to win it you need to play well."



Terrific tungsten: Michael van Gerwen celebrates winning the Unibet Masters trophy at the ArenaMK at the weekend. Pictures: Lawrence Lustig/PDC

BADMINTON

Adcocks gain champs glory

MK-BASED Gabby Adcock will eventually aim for Anthony Clark's record 12 English National Championship titles, after winning her eighth with husband Chris at the K2, Crawley on Sunday.

The Adcocks, the world number six pair, proved too good for Gary Fox and Lauren Smith, winning 21-10, 21-13, in 30 minutes to land their second national title together.

Gail Emms, the former world champion, believes Chris and Gabby have the armoury to become the first home winners in a decade at the Yonex All England Open Badminton Championships, which take place in Birmingham from March 3 to 8.

This year's BWF World Superseries Premier event will mark the 10th anniversary since Emms and Nathan Robertson won the mixed doubles title.

"They absorb their life in badminton," said Emms. "They are those kind of people and they are the perfect match on and off court."

ICE HOCKEY

Weekend encapsulates season

MK LIGHTNING head coach Nick Poole thought that the weekend's action pretty much summed up the team's season.

Lightning staged a dramatic fightback to clinch a hard-earned 5-4 win over Manchester Phoenix before a crowd of more than 2,000 fans at MK Arena on Saturday.

But in keeping with their inconsistent form this season they could not keep up the following day, when they went down 5-3 at Sheffield Steeldogs – despite taking a 2-0 first period lead and holding until near the end of the second session.

"The whole weekend encapsulated our season," said Poole.

"At times we've played some fantastic hockey, but then we concede a goal and we look like a team with no



Victory: Action from the MK Lightning v Manchester Phoenix game at the weekend

confidence.

"We're trying to address that and it's a concern, but I guess we've got to man up and address that."

Lightning face the unenviable task of a double-header with the dominant Telford

Tigers team this weekend both home and away, and while Poole obviously wants to get a result out of either game, he will be looking closely at the performance his side puts in.

"It's as tough as it gets

this weekend.

"If we're not on top of our game we will be punished."

Meanwhile, Canadian forward Curtis Huppe was signed on Friday night. He had two seasons with Guildford Flames in 2011.

SPORTS SHORTS

RUGBY UNION

BLETCHLEY Rugby Club's Josh Sprules played for the England Deaf Team as they lost 18-5 to Wales at Cardiff Arms Park last Saturday.

Bletchley Ladies will entertain Canterbury in the quarter-final of the Women's Junior Cup this Sunday at 2.15pm.

Their men's team lost 34-3 at home to Leighton Buzzard in South West 1 East.

In Southern Counties North, Milton Keynes were narrowly beaten by Royal Wootton Bassett 27-17.

Olney found themselves 12-0 down against Oakham in Midlands Two East (South) by half time. They put on a brave fightback in the second half to go 14-12 up, but a penalty gave Oakham a 15-14 win.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

CLEAN Slate were beaten 7-0 by Kent Athletic in the Spartan South Midlands Division Two on Tuesday night, while New Bradwell St Peter drew 2-2 against Mursley United. Clean Slate were also beaten 7-3 by Pitstone & Ivinghoe on Saturday, and Old Bradwell United lost 3-2 at home to Brimsdown.

In the Milton Keynes Sunday Football League, Caz Bar beat Stony Stratford Town 3-1, Swanfica won 5-2 against Wolverton Town, and The Garage MK were beaten 3-2 by Olney Town. The Knock Out Cup saw Willen beat the Open University 10-2.

ATHLETICS

WITH spring marathons on the horizon, nine Marshall Milton Keynes Athletics Club runners were using the Watford Half-Marathon as part of their build-up. Dan Webber led them home in 22nd from a field of 1,800, in a time of 77.43.

Over the full marathon distance, Tom Hayman ran in the Dubai Marathon, placing 113th with a fine time of 3:03.33 from a field of almost 2,000.

There were three local runners representing their universities at the British University Cross-Country Championships in Brighton. Elle Roche (Birmingham) Oli Lum (Cardiff) and Michael Greener (Durham) competed in the 8km men's "B" race.

Over a much shorter distance Tom Comerford won the Gayton (Northants) 5km race in 16.55 with Brian Gilks, the club's eldest runner, setting an M80 record of 35.35.

At Lee Valley for the London Indoor Games, Laura Zialor won the F20 high jump, clearing 1.66m for an age group club record, and then set a personal best of 5.17m in the long jump.

HOCKEY

MILTON Keynes mens won their third game of the season after Jamie Dodd, Liam Foster and Mikey Gilson scored to secure a 3-0 triumph in the South Hockey League Premier Division One.

It was a great day for the club as the ladies also won, beating Sonning 5-1 to lift the side up to seventh in the South Clubs' Women's Hockey League Division 3A.

HANDBALL

THE Oly Cats are looking to expand their club by forming a ladies team following the success of the men's team which was launched in 2013.

A taster session took place at Milton Keynes College last night. Nihilinc eniritia tam es contrum



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Alli money will create legacy

Cash received as part of striker's transfer to Tottenham Hotspur will be used to help build training ground

BY SCOTT KIRK

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DONS boss Karl Robinson says the money the club has received as part of Dele Alli's move to Tottenham Hotspur will help build its training ground.

It has been a burning ambition for chairman Pete Winkelman to get a new training ground built for the club and the £5million for Alli, which could rise depending on international appearances and a sell-on clause, looks set to be put into that project.

"Dele's money will create a legacy for the rest of the kids in Milton Keynes," said Robinson.

"We're in a very financially stable position and I think the money will go into the training ground."

"The chairman is working really hard on it and once he does something, he does it big."

Alli has signed a five-and-a-half year contract with Spurs and was immediately loaned back to Dons after the deal was completed at 10.59pm on Monday, just one minute before the deadline.

Three Premier League sides had come in for the 18-year-old after meeting Dons' valuation of the player and Alli was given the choice of which to sign for over the weekend.

"I think it's really important for the young children of Milton Keynes to have a role model and there's your role model – because he's a unique individual," said Robinson.

"We did what's right by him. I think it's a good move for him and Spurs manager Mauricio Pochettino is as good as it gets. I'm made up for the boy and we're really proud of him."

"At no stage was anybody played off against each other."

Alli wasn't the only activity at Dons



He's flying: Dele Alli, pictured here in Dons' 5-0 win over Crewe Alexandra on Saturday, completed a move to Tottenham Hotspur on Monday

on Monday as Keith Andrews' protracted move to the club was finally completed.

He has joined on loan from Bolton Wanderers for the rest of the season, after falling out of favour at Watford where he was previously on loan,

and Robinson is delighted to have brought back the club legend, who helped Dons win League Two and the Johnstone's Paint Trophy in 2007-08.

"He's someone who I have immense respect for," said Robinson.

"We always believed it would get done and we just had to be very patient."

Robinson was keen to stress that money from the Alli transfer was not used to help bring Andrews back.

"Don't fall into that trap that we're

spending money," said Robinson.

"This is a deal that we wanted to happen and Keith wanted to happen – no finances dictated this one."

"I'd like to thank the directors at Watford for their support because they have been magnificent."



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